

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

"The Church by the Side of the Road"

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"The Mission of Topsail United Church is:

- To offer to all the opportunity to come to know God as revealed in Jesus Christ;
- To grow in faith through worship, study and prayer;
- To care for each other and all of God's creation; and
- To encourage and empower each other to use our talents within the Church."

- Ministers:	The Congregation
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley
- Congregational Designated Minister:	Steven Rogers
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Lynn Mercer
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

March 23rd, 2014

3rd in Lent

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! The readings this week centre on God's faithfulness as the source of life, and our human need to trust God's provision. The theme of life-giving water runs through three of these readings, while the reading from Romans speaks of God's grace as the source of life.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "To The Desert, Jesus Came"

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive – see back of bulletin)

A Lenten candle Liturgy

(each week a purple candle is extinguished)

CONGREGATION SINGS:

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand:
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison – see back of bulletin)

HYMN: #108 "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"

TALK TIME:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison – “When We Gather”)

Do not harden our hearts, O God, to the sound of your voice. We confess that we don't always listen to the word that you send. You give us Jesus, the Word of Life in our midst. We confess our delay in obeying the direction He brings. You promise the Holy Spirit, a source of counsel and power. We confess sometimes ignoring such guidance. Forgive us and help us through Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Exodus 17: 1-7 (Water from the rock.)

Psalms 95 (Responsive #814 – Let us shout to the rock of our salvation.)

John 4: 5-15 (Jesus and the Samaritan woman.)

ANTHEM: "Bathe Me in Your Light"

SERMON: "Water for the Thirsty"

HYMN: Pg. 766 vu "As the Deer Pants for the Water"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY: VU #540)

Grant Us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living, we may offer faithfully.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison – Seasons of the Spirit)

Liberating God, we offer you all that we are and shall be. Open
our eyes and our hearts to recognize you in each person we meet.
May we have courage to listen, courage to hear, and courage to
act. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: # 382 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "The Quiet of the Water".

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Today's bulletin has been dedicated to the glory of God and
donated;

In loving memory of

Donald Richards

from Rosie Frey, Don, Mark & Scott Richards

In loving memory of

May Butler

by Daughter Bernice

In loving memory of

Burt Cave

from Ken Doreen & Family

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