

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

"The Church by the Side of the Road"

Fully accessible for people with physical disabilities

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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

Sunday, April 5th, 2015 - 10:30 A.M.
EASTER SUNDAY

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME & HAPPY EASTER! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! This ancient Easter greeting heralds the defining story of our faith. In the text, God's loving action on our behalf is evident. The gospels point us to the risen Christ and proclaim the good news available to all.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #157 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

CONGREGATION SINGS: ***(CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT)***

Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, life and love,
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away,
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison)

God of new life; you are with us in this sacred space, in this sacred moment, as you are with all people in all times and in all places. God of liberty, hear our joyful cries of hallelujah, for we need no longer look for you in death, the tomb is empty. We need no longer seek you in the empty tomb, you are alive. We witness you in life, abundant and bountiful life. Hallelujah! Amen

HYMN: #161 Welcome Happy Morning

TALK TIME

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: #918 A New Creed

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 20: 1-18 (Mary and the empty tomb.)

ANTHEM: The Holy City

SERMON: "Telling the Good News"

HYMN: #703 In The bulb, There Is A Flower

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY:

**From God we have the gifts of earth;
From Christ's stone tomb we have our birth;
We offer now our tithe and pray
That Christ bring justice in our day.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (In Unison)

Living God, accept these our gifts, given to bring purpose where there is hesitancy, courage where there is struggle, comfort where there is sadness, assurance where there is self-doubt, justice where there is powerlessness. These gifts are the gifts of life. Bless them and bless us. Amen.

ANTHEM: Because He Lives

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung): #959

HYMN: #173 Thine Is The Glory

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: Halle, Halle, Halle

ORGAN POSTLUDE

