

## 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."

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

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***February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015***

***5<sup>th</sup> of Epiphany***

### **SERVICE NOTE**

***WELCOME!*** God, who lifts up and heals, is revealed in Jesus. This week's scripture readings suggest reaching out to God through prayer and reflection as we strive to keep our focus for ministry. Sustained and restored by faith, we are able to serve in fresh and vital ways.

### ***WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE***

#### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "There Is a Balm in Gilead" (HFG#48)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive – Seasons of the Spirit.)

One: We gather to sing praises to God.

**All: We gather to sing of God's mighty deeds and wondrous works.**

One: God, who names the stars, and scatters the proud,

**All: who gathers the outcast,**

One: heals the broken-hearted,

**All: covers the heavens with clouds,**

One: sends rain on the earth,

**All:** and takes pleasure in those whose hope is in God's steadfast love.

**One:** Come, let us come before God with awe, thanksgiving, and praise.

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** #412 "This is the Day"

**WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:**

**OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison – Seasons of the Spirit)

God we gather this day to remember your great love for us. Your love is woven within us and in the fabric of all creation. We cannot comprehend the magnitude of your love for this planet and for its people. Yet, you know each one of us by name; and call us to works of peace and justice. Might we respond to your call, a call that leads us into works of justice, peace, and compassion. Amen.

**HYMN:** #288 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**TALK TIME:**

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Isaiah 40: 21-31 (Those who wait upon God shall renew their strength)

Psalms 147 (#869 – Part 1 – God heals the broken hearted)

Mark 1: 29-39 (Simon's mother-in-law and many others healed)

**ANTHEM:** "Cleanse Me" (HFG#425)

**SERMON:** "Ongoing and Sustaining Ministry"

**HYMN:** #389 "God Is Here"

**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)

God, we are all in this together. May we keep that in mind as we return to you a portion of what you have given us. We pray that our offerings may be one means of moving your creation a little closer to peace, justice, and reconciliation. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #220 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "Jesus is Lord of All" (HFG#235 v.3)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**



**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

*In loving memory of*  
**Bobby Pelley**  
*Forever in our hearts,*  
*from Jason, Tonya, Alex & Avery*

*In loving memory of*  
*husband, father & grandfather*  
**Heber Bennett**  
*by Bob, Debbie, Sheri & Gregory*

*In loving memory of*  
*a beloved brother, brother-in-law & uncle*  
**Scott King**  
*by Bob, Debbie, Sheri & Gregory*