

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:	Male Choir
- Office Manager:	Lynn Mercer
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

January 11th, 2015

Baptism of the Lord

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! From the first, God put all elements of creation in good and pleasing relationship to one another. God reigns over all those elements while calling on humanity to not only enjoy those good relationships but also work to build them up in places where they are broken. With the help of God's Spirit, we do this work individually and together as communities of faith.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Spirit Open My Heart" (MV 79)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: Praise God, all heavenly beings, praise God's glory and God's strength.

All: **Praise God's glorious name; worship God in holiness and wonder.**

One: The voice of God proclaims...

All: I created it all...and it is good.

One: The voice of God thunders...

**All: ...let justice roll down like waters and righteousness
like an ever flowing stream.**

One: The voice of God pleads,

**All: what do I require of you, but to do justice, love
kindness and walk humbly with your God?**

One: Then the voice of God, who lifts and empowers, affirms...

All: ...you are my Beloved...with you, I am pleased.

One: May God give strength to God's people

All: and may God bless God's people with peace.

One: Let us worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS:

This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

In this season of light, we have received enduring light in the world. It is the light of God's presence. It is the light of God's guidance. It is the light illuminating God's hopes for peace and justice everywhere. Let us come to the light, and discover we are not alone. Amen.

HYMN: VU 100 "When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized"

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Genesis 1: 1-5 (The first Days of creation)

Psalms 29: (#756 – VU – God's voice is over the waters)

Mark 1: 4-11 (Jesus is baptized by John)

AHTHEM: "My Life Flows On" (VU 716)

SERMON: "Beloved Child"

HYMN: VU 231 "I Sing the Mighty Power" (tune 625)

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)

Receive what we bring – together – O God, our gifts, ourselves, and a new and deeper commitment. Speak your blessing on us and send us out to repair and rebuild your beloved community in every place we go. With Jesus' Spirit in us, we pray and live. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Sung)

HYMN: VU 710 "Shall We Gather at the River"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Like a Rock" (MV 92)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE: