

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

January 25th, 2015

3rd after Epiphany

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Before Jesus proclaims the realm of God is near, or Paul insist this world is passing away, a psalmist knows that trusting in the power of God's love puts us on a collision course with the way the world commonly operates. Making clear we do have alternatives, we are invited to consider in whom or what we place our trust.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Community Of Grace"

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

One: We gather as a distracted people. No matter where we are, someone or something wants our attention.

All: **For God alone my soul waits in silence.**

One: We are offered endless solutions that will make it all clear, solve all our problems, guarantee our happiness and success.

All: **For God alone my soul waits in silence.**

One: The sounds of wealth, power, and status have tremendous appeal.

All: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

One: Come to this place of worship to renew the silence and wait for God. Let us Worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS:

Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus,
Everywhere, anywhere I will follow on.

Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus,
Anywhere he leads me I will follow on.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

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

God of mercy, in each second of time you are with us: you call us to discipleship, you invite us into relationship one with another and with you, our Creator. In the moments of this worship may we experience your call, your community, your grace – and be led to respond. Amen.

HYMN: VU 563 "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 (Jonah calls Ninevah to repent.)

Psalm 62 (#779 – Be Still, my soul, and wait for God.)

Mark 1: 14-20 (Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James, and John.)

AHTHEM: "Blest Are They"

SERMON: "Discipleship - A New Identity"

HYMN: VU 567 "Will You Come And Follow Me"

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)

We offer these gifts as a sign of our dedication to a way of living. Help us make this a daily commitment so that in our lives we might give witness to and be disciples for a way of living in which your love is our refuge and our strength. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: VU 670 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: MV 176 "Three Things I Promise"

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

In loving memory of
Laura (Decker) Richards
from Rosie Frey, Don, Mark and Scott Richards

In memory of
Loved Ones
by Derrick Tuffin & Linda Cleary