

# **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**

**Office Manager:**

**Lynn Mercer**

**Caretaker:**

**Roger Richards**

**Youth Band Director:**

**Brett Vey**

**Musical Ensembles:**

**Youth Band, Children’s Choir,  
Rhythm Band**

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***June 21, 2015***

***A Time of Celebration – Topsail United Church Hall***

## **SERVICE NOTE**

***WELCOME!*** Today, we mark the conclusion of another great Sunday School year, and we join together in a special celebration to show our appreciation for the ministry of our Sunday School leaders.

***WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE***

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**WORDS OF WELCOME:**

**OPENING HYMN:** # 232 “Joyful, Joyful”

**ACTIVITY:**

**RHYTHM BAND**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ANTHEM:** “How’d You Do That”

**PRAYER:** (Responsive)

Creator God, we give you thanks for the wonders of the earth: the blue sky, shining lakes, singing robins, and swaying willow trees. All of creation sings your praise. We thank you, Holy God.

**We give you thanks for your ample gifts: love of family, friendships, challenges that help us grow, our abundant land, our thirst for justice and peace. We thank you, Holy God.**

We thank you for the richness of your grace within our church family: You inspire our storytellers and justice seekers, teachers and learners, people who pray and others who preach, our caretakers and church board, our seekers and vision keepers, children and elders, and everyone in between. We thank you, Holy God.

**We thank you for your call to share with others. You give us ears to listen, hearts to be moved by compassion, and a hunger for better ways. We thank you because we are not alone. We thank you, Holy God.**

We pray for all who work generously to end suffering and for those who care for us when we are poor or sick. May your love abound through us. We pray for children and elderly people who face injustice or oppression. We pray for those facing war or crime, floods or droughts. We pray for the child or grandparent who is troubled and needs someone to listen. May your love abound through us.

**We pray for your wisdom as we dare to name and confront the deep reasons for poverty, unemployment, and abuse in our communities and in our nation. May your love abound through us.**

We pray for ourselves, for our families and friends: touch our loneliness, embrace our suffering, ease our uncertainties. Help us allow you to lead each one of us into ever greater Christian faith. **Amen.**

**SONG:** "Give Me Oil In My Lamp"

Give me oil in my lamp keep me burning  
Give me oil in my lamp I pray  
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, burning, burning  
Keep me burning till the break of day

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of Kings  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving...

Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing...

**SCRIPTURE READING:** John 15: 1-12

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

**REFLECTION & ACTIVITY**

**MUSICAL PRESENTATION:** "Courage"

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** #256 "O God Beyond All Praising"

**PRESENTATION OF OFFERING:**

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away  
Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more  
It's just like a magic penny, hold on tight and you won't have any  
Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many – they'll roll all over the floor!  
Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away  
Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more

**OFFERTORY PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**WORDS OF APPRECIATION:**

**HYMN:** "Jesus Love is Wonderful"  
Jesus love is so wonderful  
Jesus love is so wonderful  
Jesus love is so wonderful  
Oh wonderful love

So high you can't get over it  
So low you can't get under it  
So wide you can't get around it  
You gotta go through the door

**CLOSING PRAYER & GRACE:**

**SOCIAL TIME & LUNCH**

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

*In loving memory of  
our mother & grandmother  
**Alice Miller**  
who passed away 30 years ago today  
from the family  
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