

# 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>Combined Choir</b>
- <b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Lynn Mercer</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>

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*Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

*Palm Sunday*

## **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME!** The way of God and the way Jesus lives in obedience to God lead into Jerusalem. God's way bids trusting preparation by those who would follow Jesus. God's way celebrates saving promises brought near in stances humble, yet firm. Words hint that more than a parade begins this day. Disciples form for a procession that descends into the city and this week.

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

### **ORGAN PRELUDE:**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive)

One: We join the crowds this day to welcome Jesus.

**All: We gather to remember with thanks and to look forward with hope.**

One: We join the crowds this day to learn from Jesus' journey.

**All: We gather to remember with thanks and to look forward with hope.**

One: We gather to see courage for the living of these days.

**All: We gather to remember with thanks and to look forward with hope.**

## PARADE OF PALMS

(Sunday School lead in Parade of Palms.)

*Hosanna, they say. Hosanna!*

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*Coats and palms they wave. Hosanna!*

*Humble triumph, Hosanna!*

*Wave your branches high, hosanna.*

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*Palms up in the sky, hosanna.*

*Ride by donkey, hosanna.*

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

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:** (Seasons of the Spirit - in unison)

May we be your disciples today, O Jesus, where we know what we cry, where we take to heart the hosannas and live them beyond the parade. May we be your supporters today, O Jesus, where we know the Saviour you are, where we intend to follow you from gate to garden. May we be your voice today, O Jesus, where we cry out against the protests, where we stake our faith and lives on what you begin here today. Amen.

### A Lenten candle Liturgy

(each week a purple candle is extinguished)

### CONGREGATION SINGS:

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand:  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

**INTROIT:** "This is the Day" (MV122)

This is the day that God has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad! (x2)

Singing hallelu,

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Singing hallelu!

We will rejoice and be glad! (x2)

**HYMN:** #122 "All Glory, Laud and Honour"

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Luke 19: 28-40 (Jesus enters Jerusalem to cheering crowds)

**ANTHEM:** "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" (VU127)

**SERMON:**        ***“INTO JERUSALEM”***

**HYMN:**            #123    “Hosanna, Loud Hossanna

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**OFFERTORY**

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:**

Often we feel what we do and contribute is only a drop in a great ocean of need, but today we send these gifts into the world knowing that each drop is precious and able to make a difference. Bless these our gifts and each of us who gives. Amen.

**PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:**            #137    “The Love that Clothes Itself in Light)

**COMMISSIONING:**

**BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:**        “Like a Rock” (MV92)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

Today’s bulletin has been dedicated to the glory of God and donated:

In loving memory of

**Bert Cave**

From Ken, Doreen & family

In loving memory of a dear husband

**Hubert Stokes**

By wife Olive

A donation to the roofing fund.

In loving memory of a wonderful Father and Grandfather

**Hubert Stokes**

Forever loved and missed by daughter Ruth, granddaughter Geri &  
family