

# 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>Mixed Choir</b>
- <b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Nicole Ivey-Cross</b>
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**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*World Communion Sunday*

## **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME!** This day is observed in many parts of the world, although not by all churches. Some denominations produce special worship and learning resources for this day, and some ecumenical agencies encourage churches to acknowledge that on this day, perhaps more than any other, Christians around the world are – symbolically – gathered at a common table.

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

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "All Who Are Thirsty" (MV4)

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

One: We have moved down to the riverside.

**All: We come to the river with all that we are.**

One: We find here space for us to weep.

**All: We add our tears to the water.**

One: We find here space for us to sing.

**All: We lift our voices above the rising waves.**

One: We find here space to renew our hope. Let us worship God!

## **CONGREGATION SINGS:**

We are one as we come,  
As we come, joyful to be here,  
In the praise on our lips  
There's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing,  
As we seek, we are found;  
And we come needful of God's grace  
As we meet, together in this place.

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

### **OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison)

Gracious God, on this worldwide communion Sunday our worship is a glorious offering of voices praising, prayers offered, with bread and wine uniting us all. As we celebrate the diversity of our faith we honour Christ who brings us together in joy and sends us out to change our world for good. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**HYMN:** #348 "O Love, How Deep"

### **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

Lamentations 3: 19-26 (Great is God's faithfulness.)  
Psalm 137 (#858 – By the rivers of Babylon, we wept.)  
Luke 17: 5-6 (Faith as a mustard seed.)

**SERMON:** "Everything to God in Prayer"

**HYMN:** #459 "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"

### **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)

Stir within us, Spirit of the living God, that our lives may carry the spirit  
of your law. May our finest offerings flow through these gifts into the  
world you love. Amen.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**AHTHEM:** "This Do In Remembrance of Me"

**GATHERING PRAYER:**

**CONFESSION:** (in unison)

Merciful God, you lead us by the cords of compassion. We seek your forgiveness through Christ's intercession. Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit, so that we may faithfully obey your will. When we are vengeful, purge our thoughts of resentment and anger. When we bear false witness, turn us from deceit to truthfulness. Cleanse us of selfish desires, and free us to respond to your Holy Word. In righteousness remake us, and through Christ restore us. (silent confession) Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS**

**BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** (sung #959)

*(The Bread is broken & The Cup is lifted)  
(Communion is shared)*

**HYMN:** #460 "All Who Hunger"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "Eat This Bread" (VU466)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

### **TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

*In loving memory of  
**Pamela Jodi & Michael Legrow**  
from Mom, Dad, & Sister Christine*

*In Loving Memory of a dear Husband, Father & Grandfather  
**Dave Williams***

*Love Wife Jean, Daughter Lisa, Son-in-Law Sean, Son Noel, Daughter-in-Law Sheri, and Grandchildren, Nicholas, Nathan, Abigayle and Emma*