

## 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>Guest Clergy:</b>	<b>Mr. Harold Tuck</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>Jacqui Kennedy</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>

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**April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**5<sup>th</sup> after Easter/Camping Sunday**

### SERVICE NOTE

**WELCOME** Camping is one of the largest youth ministries in the United Church. Camps do everything from building campers' confidence to growing leaders in our church. Each summer at United Church camps, over 20,000 children, youth, and young adults come together to create relationship in community; relationships with one another, with creation, and with God. We invite you to participate in this Camping Sunday service as a time to reflect and renew your call to ministry.

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

#### THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

**INTROIT:** "Community of Grace" (Mark Hayes)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive led by Derrick Tuffin)

**One:** We are summoned here by our holy God,

**All:** **who calls us each by name, and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.**

**One:** From home and community, from camps and classrooms,

**All:** **we are called into God's presence.**

One: Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families,  
soft-spoken and outspoken,

**All: we hear our names being called to join in worship.**

One: This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for  
all people:

All: **unity and joy and faith expressed through different  
gifts.**

One: Let us worship together!

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** (sing twice)

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you,

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit  
yield,

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you!

**WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (Led by  
Freeman Budgell)

**OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison - Led by Freeman Budgell)

Creator God, we hear your wilderness cry from the depth of our  
souls and long to answer. We seek you out in the silence and  
beauty of nature, in the sound of the birds, the rustling trees, the  
lapping water, and the crunching of branches. Our eyes and ears  
are opened to your presence in the newness of day, the brisk air,  
and the colours of the sunrise. Be with us in this time of  
storytelling and memories, guiding us along the forest's edge into  
oneness with you.

**HYMN:** #226 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

### **The Family of God**

#### **Liturgy**

(Led by Beth & Andrew Cranston)

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

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Jeremiah 29:11–14

Boyde Clarke

1 Corinthians 3:10–14

David Rowsell

**ANTHEM:** "The Spring Has Come" (VU #187)

**SERMON:** Mr. Harold Tuck (Lay Minister - Norris Arm South)

**HYMN:** #371 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**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 – Led by Noel Brissard)

Let all creation from greatest to least praise our God. Bring to God  
your wealth of gifts: your money, your time, your love, your  
strength, to be caught up and used in the Kingdom's work through  
Jesus the Christ Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #296 "This Is God's Wondrous World"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:** (Brad Cole)

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

*In loving Memory of*

*Daughter **Michelle Barron (Goulding)***

*Love Mom, Elsie, Brother Alex Jr., Sisters Linda, Karen, Kimberley  
and Lori, children Scott, Michael, Krista, Nicole and Natasha*