

## 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>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>

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*April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016*

*2<sup>nd</sup> after Easter/Communion*

### SERVICE NOTE

**WELCOME** God's loving ways cannot be contained. Like the ripples made when a stone is tossed into calm water, the Spirit works through people and communities whose words and deeds bear witness to God, who raised Jesus to life. God calls all such witnesses to accountability and forgiveness. God still speaks, inviting all to receive the Spirit and follow Christ.

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

#### THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

**INTROIT:** "I Have Called You by Your Name" (MV161)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Praise!

**All: Praise God in God's sanctuary. Praise God in the skies.**

One: Praise!

**All: Praise God for God's greatness and God's mighty deeds.** One: Praise God with trumpet sound, with lute and harp.

**All: Praise God with tambourine and dance, with string and pipe and cymbals.**

One: Praise!

**All: Let everything that has breath praise God!**

One: Come, let us worship.

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** (sing twice)

Worship the Lord, (worship the Lord)  
Worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,  
Raising our hands, (raising our hands)  
In devotion to God who is one.

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison)

God of promise, we come into this sanctuary remembering your great love for us. Remembering the messages of new life and resurrection that capture the essence of the Easter season. We are Easter people, drawn closer to you and to one another after Jesus' death and resurrection. We are witnesses to your unending Easter love. May your Spirit guide us through this service and move us to share the good news of your resurrection with others. Amen.

**HYMN:** #506 "Take My Life and Let it Be"

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Psalm 150 (#874 – VU)

John 20: 19-31

**SERMON:** "Speak Out"

**HYMN:** #626 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

**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)

God, we give thanks to you! Your steadfast love endures forever and ever. We dedicate these gifts to the work of sharing your love with others. Like the early followers of Jesus who were small in number, but who grew and grew over time, we ask that you multiply these gifts. May they be used to further your kin-dom. Amen

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**ANTHEM:** “Bread of Life, Broken and Shared” (MV197)

**GATHERING PRAYER:**

**CONFESSION:** (responsive)

Loving God, we know that we haven’t always made you a priority in our lives. With Lent and the celebration of Christ’s resurrection behind us, we fall into old patterns. We know we haven’t always shown the world your love or lived by the example of your son, a true servant. We acknowledge those times before you right now and turn to you for help coming back to life and returning to your ways. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS**

**BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:** (#959 sung)

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

**HYMN:** #661 “Come to My Heart”

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “Take, O Take Me as I Am”

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

*In Loving Memory of*  
*parents **Albert & Beryl Thistle***  
*and brother **Keith***  
*from Marguerite Hillyard*

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*In Loving Memory of*  
***George Baggs***  
*from wife Sandra, three sons, and five grandchildren*

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*In Loving Memory of*  
***Bert Cave***  
*from Ken , Doreen & family*