

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:

Nicole Ivey-Cross

Caretaker:

Roger Richards

Youth Band Director:

Brett Vey

Musical Ensembles:

Courage Choir, Inspiration Band

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SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Godly Play is an approach to spiritual guidance for children and adults. Based on the Montessori Method, Godly Play uses props, similar to Montessori manipulatives that are maneuvered by the storyteller to dramatize the story. Godly Play has been successfully implemented in churches, hospitals, teen programs, and other community organizations around the world. Today, we reflect on the concepts that inform the Godly Play method and discover the unique environment of the Godly Play room.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

Door Person: Hello!

All: Hello!

Door Person: What is your name?

All: My name is___ (say your name).

Door Person: Are you ready?

All: Ready?!

Door Person: Are you ready to hear a story?!

All: **We are ready to hear the old story told anew, a story of hope.**

Door Person: A story spurring us to defend the oppressed, to seek justice.

All: **We are ready to hear the story of love. We are ready to worship our God.**

Door Person: We are ready!

Storyteller: Come join the circle!

A Lenten candle Liturgy

(each week a purple candle is extinguished)

CONGREGATION SINGS:

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still
Let this be our song, no one stands alone
Standing side by side
Draw the circle wide

WORDS OF WELCOME | CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

GODLY PLAY STORY:

HYMN: #269 “The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young”

REFLECTION:

HYMN: [insert] “Do Lord, O Do Lord”

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 13:31-35

ANTHEM: “Shelter”

PRAYER: (unison)

God, there are times when we are overwhelmed with the world. We face disappointments. We face adversities and uncertainties. We feel like everything is moving in the opposite direction from the way things should be going. God, we ask you for help. We look to you during the wilderness of Lent. We seek to find ways to strengthen our faith in you. God, help us to face the difficulties in our own lives and the injustices we see around us with acceptance of your ways. You are a trustworthy God. May we be anchored in your hope. Amen.

HYMN: #671 “I need Thee Every Hour”

OFFERTORY:

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away
Love is something if you give it away, you 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 end up having more

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (unison)

We offer you our wounds and our worries. We offer you our brokenness
and our struggles. We offer you these gifts and our very selves. Bless us
and what we offer, O God, bringing transformation for discipleship within
your call. Amen.

HYMN: "This Joy"

This joy that I have, the world didn't give it to me;
This joy that I have, the world didn't give it to me;
This joy that I have, the world didn't give it to me;
That world didn't give it, the world can't take it away.

This love that I have...

This peace that I have...

BENEDICTION:**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

Do Lord, O Do Lord

*Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me.
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me.
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me,
Look away beyond the blue.*

1. I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun.
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun.
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun,
Look away beyond the blue.

{Refrain}

2. I've got a peace deep in my soul that makes me free.
I've got a peace deep in my soul that makes me free.
I've got a peace deep in my soul that makes me free,
Look away beyond the blue.

{Refrain}

3. Jesus is my friend and brother, he loves me too.
Jesus is my friend and brother, he loves me too.
Jesus is my friend and brother, he loves me too,
Look away beyond the blue.

{Refrain}

4. Friends and kin and strangers too,
God loves us everyone.
Friends and kin and strangers too,
God loves us everyone.
Friends and kin and strangers too,
God loves us everyone,
Look away beyond the blue.

{Refrain}