

# 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."

**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, Inspiration**

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## SERVICE NOTE

**WELCOME!** The transformation of water into wine at Wedding at Cana is the first miracle attributed to Jesus in the Gospel of John. In the Gospel account, Jesus and his mother are invited to a wedding, and when the wine runs out, Jesus performs a miracle by turning water into wine.

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

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive)

One: We look at this jug...

**Men:** *Some see it half empty.*

**Women:** *Some see it half full.*

**All:** **Filled with the water of life! Filled with the wine of abundance!**

One: We look at our lives.

**Men:** *Some see us half empty.*

**Women:** *Some see us half full.*

One: How do we see ourselves?

**All:** **Filled with Christ's peace, overflowing with God's grace, pouring out the Spirit's love!**

One: This is Life.

**All:** **Life abundant.**

One: For us.

**All:** **For the world! Alleluia!**

## **CONGREGATION SINGS:**

It is joy unspeakable and full of glory,  
Full of glory, full of glory,  
It is joy unspeakable and full of glory,  
Oh, the half has never yet been told.

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

### **PRAYER:** (unison)

God of wedding feasts and of abundant wine, we are surrounded by signs of your goodness and of your grace. Yet, we fall short ourselves. Called to open our hands, we clasp them. Called to open our hearts, we guard them. Called to open our eyes, we avert them. Hear us, as we lift our silent prayers to you now...

**HYMN:** #660 "How Firm a Foundation"

## ***TALK TIME***

**SCRIPTURE READING:** John 2: 1 – 11

**ANTHEM:**

**REFLECTION:**

**HYMN:** #670 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

### **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:** #333 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**BENEDICTION:** (responsive)

One: Life is a wedding feast! Go from this place ready to drink the best wine.

**All: We go – ready to dance with abandon, ready to laugh with enthusiasm.**

One: Go – and invite the world to join in the celebration!

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

*In loving memory of a dear Mother*

***Ethel Somerton***

*Love Family*