

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
- Guest Clergy:	Ms. Lorraine Jarvis.
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Male Choir
- Office Manager:	Jacqui Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

Sunday, June 12th, 2016

4th After Pentecost

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! God's sons and daughters are called to live lives that are holy and just. The choices we make each day have consequences. God holds those who perpetrate injustice responsible. This judgment stands in tension with God's welcome for those who turn to God for forgiveness. Mahatma Gandhi once said, "When I despair, I remember that all through history the ways of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants, and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but in the end they always fall. Think of it – always." No matter how far we go to get our own way, God's way will triumph. Always. God's people can take courage in choosing justice.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Gather Us In" (MV7)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

ONE: We gather today in the presence of the God of relationships,

ALL: **who invites us into community.**

ONE: We gather today in the presence of the God of love,

ALL: **who grants us ears to hear.**

ONE: We gather today in the presence of the God of justice,

ALL: **who grants us courage to act and speak when we see a need.**

ONE: Come, let us worship God.

CONGREGATION SINGS: (sing 3 times – MV88)

Over my head, I hear Music in the air.
Over my head, I hear Music in the air.
Over my head, I hear Music in the air,
There must be a God somewhere.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Welcoming God, as another day breaks, we come together into this space and we are all welcome. From different places we come, in the whole creation you come and we know your Spirit is here. May we travel together through this new day. Amen.

HYMN: #378 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart”

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 149 (vu 873-responsive)

Luke 11: 33-36

SERMON: "Keep on Singing"

HYMN: #626 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

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 of justice, as we bring you our offering today, we bring more than our money. As we move through our community give us hearts to hear the cries of need. As we see news-stories of the marginalized, help us speak out against injustice. In response to your grace, may we offer all we can to all your creation. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER:

HYMN: #264 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only wise”

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Send Me, Lord" (VU572)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

THANK YOU - To Lorraine Jarvis for leading today's service. Lorraine is a retired minister and a member of our Congregation.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

Graham Mercer

by Hilda, children and grandchildren