

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
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Male Choir
- Office Manager:	Nicole Ivey-Cross
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

March 13th, 2016
5th in Lent

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME In this week's focus story, the one who comes to minister becomes the one ministered to in surprising ways and by surprising ones. The grace revealed suggests the new and fresh ways about which Isaiah speaks, the psalmist's hope of restoration.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "To the Desert Jesus Came" (VU113, vs. 4)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: God, in the middle of our busy lives, you call us to worship. Our journeys bring us back to your loving ways.

All: God has done great things for us!

One: God, you made a way in the sea and brought your people through the mighty waters and away from captivity in Egypt.

All: God has done great things for us!

One: God is doing a new thing – making a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

All: God has done great things for us!

One: All the wild animals praise God, who provides water in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

All: God gives us nourishment for our journey. God has done great things for us!

One: Come, let us worship God.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

You are holy, you show us the way,
You are holy, you show us the way.
You show us, you show us, you show us the way,
You show us, you show us, you show us the way.

A Lenten candle Liturgy

(each week a purple candle is extinguished)

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (In Unison)

God, we are grateful for your presence with us during this Season of Lent. May our hearts and minds be open to the new thing that you are doing in and through each one of us, and in and through this gathered community. May we see with fresh eyes, breathe in the new smells, hear your call, and experience the fresh ways you are inviting us to be in ministry with you. Amen.

HYMN: #713 "I See A New Heaven"

DEDICATION OF HAND CHIMES

Prayer:

Presentation of Gift by Ms. Lorraine Jarvis:

Introductory Comments: by Lorraine

"I present these Hand Chimes to be dedicated to the glory and praise of God."

Words of Dedication:

One: In the name of God, Creator, Christ and Spirit,

All: We dedicate this gift to the glory of God.

One: With gratitude and reference,

All: We dedicate this gift to the glory of God.

One: For the beauty of this church and for the sake of all God's people.

All: We dedicate this gift to the glory of God.

Prayer: (unison)

Gracious God, generations have worshipped you through the gift of music. Accept our worship and praise of you in the sounds of these Hand Chimes which we dedicate to you. May their music be joined to your Word that it may be a blessing to all who worship here; that all might sound praise with heart and soul and voice, to the glory of your name. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Jacob’s Ladder” (played on Hand Chimes)

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Psalm 126 (VU # 850 – responsive)

John 12: 1-8

AHTHEM: “Said Judas to Mary” (VU129)

SERMON:

HYMN: #242 “Let All Things Now Living”

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)

We put our faith and trust in your fresh ways. As we journey together,
we dedicate our lives and these gifts to the work of loving others. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER:

HYMN: #506 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “We are Pilgrims” (VU595 – vs. 1)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE: