

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
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Musical Ensembles:	Courage Choir, Inspiration Band

March 20, 2016

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” The writer’s words in Psalm 118:26 set the scene for our entrance into the events of Holy Week. Today on Palm Sunday we, too, shout our praises. Later, Jesus will move beyond the jubilant crowds toward the true revelation of his identity and purpose on the cross. And we will follow, quieting our voices as we enter into the passion of our God.

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Open the gates!

All: **Love has come! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!**

One: Open the gates!

All: **The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

One: Open the gates!

All: **This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: Open the gates!

All: **Give thanks to God! God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Open the gates!

All: **Love has come!**

PARADE OF PALMS

Sing it! Hosanna!

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Sing hosanna to our King!

Sing it! Hosanna!

Sing it! Hosanna!

Sing hosanna, Jesus is our King!

WORDS OF WELCOME | CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER: (unison)

Love has burst through the gates of Jerusalem! We welcome the obedient, humble, and sacrificial love of God into our lives on this Palm Sunday. Fill our hearts with this love as we worship the one who taught us how to love one another. Amen.

ANTHEM: "Put A Little Love In Your Heart"

The Family of God

HYMN OF PRAISE:

We give our hands to you (3x), because you reached for us

We give our eyes to you (3x), because you looked for us

We give our feet to you (3x), because you walk with us

We give our breath to you (3x), because you breathe on us

We give our hearts to you (3x), because you first loved us

PRAYER:

Bless our friends and family, bless our work and play

Bless the gifts and talents, we offer everyday

Join us now together, encircle us with love

With justice rolling down, like rain drops from above. Amen.

HYMN:

Pass it on and on, pass the words [*love | peace*] of Jesus on.

Share it, oh let's share it, pass it on and on!

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SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 19: 28 – 40

REFLECTION: "Into Jerusalem"

HYMN: #123 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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)

Generous and loving God, you poured out your love for us in your son, Jesus, who emptied himself and was obedient, even to the point of death on the cross. We come today with these gifts as a sign of our love poured out for you. May we be reminded that these gifts, along with our gifts of time and abilities, help to show your steadfast love to the world outside these walls. Amen.

HYMN: "We Shall Overcome"

We shall overcome
We shall overcome
We shall overcome some day
Oh deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome some day

We shall all be free...

We shall overcome...

INVITATION

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from Grandmother Sandra Baggs & Family

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