

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
- You Band Director:	Brett Vey
- Musical Ensemble:	Inspiration Band
	Courage Choir
- Office Manager:	Jacqui Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

May 8th, 2016

7th of Easter/Christian Family Sunday (Mother's Day)

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Today, on Christian Family Sunday, we celebrate all families, large or small. Maybe your family is like the family of Ruth and Naomi, or Abraham and Sarah, or Jesse or Jacob. Maybe your family is unique. All families belong; all families are part of God's Family. As Christians, we all have a brother in Christ who connects us to one another. Through Jesus, friends, relatives, and neighbors are joined as family.

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(responsive)*

One: This is the day, it is the day that God has made.

All: And we have come together as God's family.

One: This is the day, it is the day that God has made.

All: And we have come together to worship.

One: This is the day, it is the day that God has made.

All: And we come to worship as we are: happy, sad, certain, troubled.

One: This is the day, it is the day that God has made.

All: May we know ourselves blessed in it as we gather for worship.

One: Come, and let us worship God.

CONGREGATION SINGS: (sing twice)

Jesus bids us shine with a pure clear light,
Like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so we must shine,
You in your small corner and I in mine.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Loving and gracious God, you call us to this place and time that we might worship you, that we might feel your presence especially close to us, and that we might be encouraged by the spirit of community that is in this place. Bless this worship, may it enliven us and encourage us, and may we go from here refreshed by your living water. Amen.

HYMN: #395 “Come In And Sit Down”

**The Family of God
Liturgy**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Ruth 1: 15-18

John 15: 1-8

MUSICAL SELECTION: “Wind Beneath My Wings”

REFLECTION:

HYMN: #226 “For The Beauty of the Earth”

OFFERTORY:

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #412 "This is the Day"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION:

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

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This bulletin is dedicated to the memory of a beloved Mother, Mother-in-law and Grandmother:

Dolly Bennett,

from Bob, Debbie, Sheri and Gregory

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