

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:	Rev. Scott Parsons
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Jacqui Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

May 1st, 2016

6th after Easter/Chaplaincy Sunday

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Currents of God's Spirit carry us in directions we may not have chosen and to margins where we may not have gone & invites love, makes persons whole, and imparts holy presence. We welcome Rev. Scott Parsons (Institutional Chaplain) and are thankful for his ministry as he imparts God's presence and Love to people facing difficult circumstances in life.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "We are One" (VU #402 v. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: God be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

One: The earth has yielded its increase; may god continue to bless us.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

One: Let us worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS: (sing twice)

Joyful, joyful we adore you God of glory, life and love,
hearts unfold like flowers before you opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away,
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

It is a joy to gather beside your river of life, O God: to bask in the refreshing breeze of your spirit, to enjoy the warmth of your love, to find ourselves surrounded by the sounds of your loving presence, and to enjoy the fruits of your goodness. Help us to find such a place in our daily lives, and to share its joy with others. Amen.

HYMN: #240 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

**The Family of God
Liturgy**

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 25: v 31-40

Revelation 21: v 1-5A

Psalm: 121 (VU, page 844)

ANTHEM: "Like a River of Tears" (MV #98)

SERMON: "Hope to Come"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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)

Loving God, we know that ministry is not something we do for others nearly so much as it is a life-giving work you call us to do with others. Use these gifts and our talents, blended with the gifts and talents of others around the world, to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #664 "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING: Touch the Earth Lightly
(VU #307, v3)

CHORAL BLESSING:

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

In loving Memory of
Father/Grandfather/Father-in-Law
Lloyd King
from Debbie, Bob, Sheri & Gregory

In loving Memory of
Bert Churchill
forever remembered and always loved
by his children and grandchildren