

**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.”
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| - <b>Ministers:</b>                 | <b>The Congregation</b>   |
| - <b>Clergy:</b>                    | <b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b> |
| - <b>Youth Program Coordinator:</b> | <b>Heather Cronhelm</b>   |
| - <b>Organist:</b>                  | <b>Beth Cranston</b>      |
| - <b>Choir Director:</b>            | <b>Andrew Cranston</b>    |
| - <b>Choir:</b>                     | <b>Mixed Choir</b>        |
| - <b>Office Manager:</b>            | <b>Jacqueline Kennedy</b> |
| - <b>Caretaker:</b>                 | <b>Roger Richards</b>     |

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***October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016***

***World Communion Sunday***

**SERVICE NOTE**

***WELCOME!*** This day is observed in many parts of the world, although not by all churches. Some denominations produce special worship and learning resources for this day, and some ecumenical agencies encourage churches to acknowledge that on this day, perhaps more than any other, Christians around the world are – symbolically – gathered at a common table.

***WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE***

**THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** “Christ, Within Us hidden” (v. 1 - MV162)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive)

One: Come before the God of steadfast love.

**All: We come as a people called by grace.**

One: Come with testimony and with song.

**All: We come as a people called to faith.**

One: Come to the joy of worship together.

**All: We come as a people called by love.**

One: Let us worship God!

**CONGREGATION SINGS:**

Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;  
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.  
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,  
but we are a part of the family. (R)

**WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:**

**OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison)

Faithful God, we wait for you as people called from the deep to new mornings of your mercies. Meet us here. Rekindle in us the gift of faith; warm it in our open hands, breathe it into our spirits, light it in our hearts. Amen.

**HYMN:** #436 "Abide With Me"

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Lamentations 3: 19-26  
Psalm 137 (#858)  
Luke 17: 5-6

**SERMON:** "But This I Call To Mind"

**HYMN:** #658 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

**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)

God of love, accept these offerings. Bless them and increase them. May they find their way in the world to bring your just and loving vision into being. Amen.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**ANTHEM:** "Soil of God, You and I"

**GATHERING PRAYER:**

**CONFESSION:**

Gracious God, we come before you as bearers of a faith for which we are not always known. Sometimes we shrink from the gift entrusted to us, as if it is the least part of ourselves, as if passing trivialities matter more, as if faith has no real weight in the scheme of things. Forgive us our unfaithfulness. Forgive us our turning from your gifts. Call us back to life in you, today and every day. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS**

**BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** (sung #959)

*(The Bread is broken & The Cup is lifted)  
(Communion is shared)*

**HYMN:** #288 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "Christ, Within Us hidden" (v. 3 - MV162)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

A donation has been made to the cemetery fund

*in memory of loved ones*

by Joan and Roland Regular

In loving memory of parents

***Mildred & James Miller***

by daughter Sandra and Family