

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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| - Ministers: | The Congregation |
| - Clergy: | Rev. Bruce Kearley |
| - Youth Program Coordinator: | Heather Cronhelm |
| - Organist: | Beth Cranston |
| - Choir Director: | Andrew Cranston |
| - Choir: | Mixed Choir |
| - Office Manager: | Jacqui Kennedy |
| - Caretaker: | Roger Richards |

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Sunday, October 30th, 2016

24th After Pentecost

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! When we feel lost, we may experience a loneliness of spirit that leads us to cry, “Where are you, O God?” Even as our hearts long to seek after God, God searches for us. God welcomes us through the friendship of Jesus the Christ, finding those who are lost, welcoming those who are considered outcasts, and lifting up those who are weary.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: “Come Touch Our Hearts” (MV12 – v. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: We come into community ready for the Spirit’s presence among us.

All: **Open our hearts and minds to receive you in a new way.**

One: We come into this sacred space ready to worship.

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One: We come into a place of challenge and grace ready for your word.

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One: Let us worship God.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

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:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (in unison)

We welcome you, spirit of Christ, to pass by this way and call us into your justice. We welcome you, Spirit of Christ, to challenge our ways and renew our living. We welcome you, Spirit of Christ, to call our names and enfold us in your community. Amen.

HYMN: #642 "Be Thou Vision"

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12

Luke 19: 1-10

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "O Day of Peace" (VU 682)

SERMON: "Transforming Welcome"

HYMN: #687 "When Will People Stop Their Fighting"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY:

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 life-giving purpose, may these gifts and those given through PAR build the forces preparing to unleash more peace, compassion, and justice into your world. May they – and may we – be released with power to make all these real in your people and your creation. With Jesus' spirit of patience and power we participate and pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #699 “Live Into Hope”

BENEDICTION:

MUSICAL BENEDICTION: “Come Touch Our Hearts” (MV12 – v. 2)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

In loving memory of

Debbie Rideout

by mom and dad, brother Douglas and sister Donna