

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 |
| - Guest Clergy: | Lorraine Jarvis |
| - Youth Program Coordinator | Heather Cronhelm |
| - Organist: | Beth Cranston |
| - Choir Director: | Andrew Cranston |
| - Choir: | Mixed Choir |
| - Office Manager: | Jacqui Kennedy |
| - Caretaker: | Roger Richards |

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, September 11th, 2016
17th After Pentecost

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Being in a relationship with God can, at times, be like a lover's quarrel. However, God never gives up, always seeking to repair the relationship and restore the love. God takes the initiative so that we may live securely in God's liberating and nurturing ways. As we are growing in God's love, we can learn to mirror God's relationship with us in our relationships with one another. We are thankful, as we begin our Fall activities, that God has called us here and together we will grow in God's love.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

MUSICAL PRELUDE:

Introit: #299 Teach Me, God To Wonder

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: We have come here to sing songs of praise to God.

All: Our God has done marvelous things.

One: God's steadfast love surrounds us from one sunrise to the next;

All: God's love keeps us from one sunset till the next.

One: God's love gives our lives meaning and purpose;

All: God's love gives us a reason to give praise.

One: Let us worship God!

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CONGREGATION SINGS: #266 Amazing Grace

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (in unison)

All the earth is full of your glory, O God; the heavens resound in praise of your name. Brooks ramble along the course you designed for them; leaves whisper of your manifold ways. Fields murmur as you pass through them; in the skies the thunder sounds its applause. With countless tongues and voices creation welcomes your presence. We join that throng and lift up our chorus, *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."* Amen.

HYMN: # 574, Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

TALK TIME – With Heather

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

ANTHEM: *A Song For Peace (Siibelius)*

SERMON:

HYMN: # 508, Just As I Am

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)

O God, you desire steadfast love and not sacrifice; we seek to know you,
not to placate you. We offer what we have, and ourselves. Accept our
gifts as signs of our commitment to love you more fully, and receive our
response in obedience as a symbol of our dedication to serve. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #307 Touch The Earth Lightly

BENEDICTION: MV 89, Love Is The Touch

MUSICAL POSTLUDE: