

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
- Youth Program Coordinator	Heather Cronhelm
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Jacqui Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Robert Richards

September 4th, 2016
16th after Pentecost/Communion

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT:

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(responsive)*

One: From the beginning of time, and out of the depths, voices are calling us today;

All: **God calls us to notice, to hear, and to respond.**

One: The one who created the oceans and mountains, the streams and the stars, invites us to worship in wonder and in praise.

All: **Oceans and mountains, streams and stars themselves also call to us – they call us to worship in the knowledge of our Creator, and with the awareness of how Creation struggles today.**

One: Come, in our worship, let us listen both to the Creator, and to Creation's call;

All: **let us open our minds, hearts, and spirits to the yearnings of Creation, and recognize our own yearnings in these voices. For**

we are one. In great wisdom we have been created in deep communion with each other.

One: Come. In our worship, let us hear the voice of God calling, and the voices of creation seeking communion with us,
All: **and let us worship in humble thanksgiving for all of creation today.**

CONGREGATION SINGS: (sing twice)
Worship the Lord, (worship the Lord)
Worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
Raising our hands, (raising our hands)
In devotion to God who is one.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Loving Creator, like holding shells to our ears while standing at the seaside, we listen for you today. We long to hear the rhythm of your wisdom; to feel the wind of your refreshing grace; to see the glistening glory of your powerful light of love; and to smell the strength of your deep presence. And help us to recognize our commitments to stewardship and care, as we venture into your wild and wonderful gifts. Be with us as we worship. Amen.

HYMN: #460 "All Who Hunger"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Psalms 139 (#861)

Luke 14: 25-

SERMON: A New Identity

HYMN: #567 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

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)

We dedicate ourselves anew, loving God, to the privilege of caring for creation. As we bring our gifts of money and time to our worship life, help us also to bring new understanding of Creation's pain to our everyday lives. Help us to affirm, in all we do, that it was and is you who have created all life, and that we are called to be good stewards of it all. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING PRAYER:

CONFESSION:

God speaks in the circumstances of our lives. Hearing what is said can be difficult. Often what is said is subtle, sometimes we can't hear because we are inattentive, sometimes we block our ears, sometimes it comes in the voice of someone we do not regard. Let the Spirit come and open our ears to what will be significant for us to hear. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (sung)

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

HYMN: #296 "This is God's Wondrous world"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION:

MUSICAL POSTLUDE: