

## 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."

- <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>Jacqui Kennedy</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>

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**February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

5<sup>th</sup> after Epiphany/Sacrament of Holy Communion

### **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME!** Jesus tells us that we are salt and light as we seek to live as God's people in the world. With the Spirit's help, we offer our gifts and talents to extend the reach of God's realm. With the psalmist, we learn what it means to practice righteousness and restore beauty in community as we live out the heart of our faith.

### **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

#### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "Spirit, Open My Heart" (MV79)

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive)

One: Come you who are thirsty.

**All: We'll drink from Jesus' cup.**

One: Come you who are hungry.

**All: We'll eat Jesus' bread.**

One: Come you who are joyful and sad, weary and energetic.

**All: We'll find what we need in Jesus.**

One: Come you who need a fresh start, and you who have been journeying long. Let us worship God!

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** (Sing Twice)

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin'  
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life abornin',  
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison)

Our hearts lie open before you, God of love, God of mercy. Our deepest yearnings rise before you, God of wonderment, God of soul. Our adoration is reserved for you alone, God of beauty, God of grace. Through this time of worship, renew within us the vision of your beauty, restoring our own gift of radiance. We pray in Jesus name and through the love of the Spirit. Amen.

**HYMN:** #313 "God Whose Almighty Word"

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Psalm 112 (#834)  
Matthew 5: 13-18

**SERMON:** *"Letting the Light Through"*

**HYMN:** #672 "Take Time to Be Holy"

**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 extol you, O God – we offer you our praise and thanksgiving. We recognize your glory in our world, and thank you for the grace we know and experience each day. Freely, we are able to offer our prayers of praise; in honesty and joy, the words rise from our hearts and our voices. Amen.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**ANTHEM:** “All Who Are Thirsty” (MV4)

**GATHERING PRAYER:**

**CONFESSION:** (In Unison)

Called to follow, we often trip over our temptations, falling flat on our faith. But God picks us up, sets us on the solid ground of grace, and sends us out as servants. Shaped, formed, born to be servants, Faithful One, we spend so much time focused on ourselves. Called to be saints, we often despise those with whom we disagree. Challenged to testify about the good news, we keep silent, hoarding stories of joy and hope for ourselves. Forgive us, O God. Give us open ears, that we might hear your words of pardon; give us open eyes, that we might see those you would have us serve; give us open hearts, that we might welcome the One who takes away our sins, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. 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:** #421 “Lead On, O Cloud of Presence”

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “Blest Be The Tie That Binds” (VU602)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

In loving memory of a father, father-in-law and grandfather

***Heber Bennett***

by Bob, Debbie, Sheri and Gregory

In loving memory of a brother, brother-in-law and Uncle

***Scott King***

by Debbie, Bob, Sheri and Gregory

In loving memory of a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

***Evelyn Bastow***

by John, Lynn & family