

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:	Jacqueline Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

January 29th, 2017

4th after Epiphany

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Today we begin a five-week exploration of a collection of Jesus' sayings known as the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus' radical vision of what God's reign on earth might look like is a vision of wholeness for all people.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "What Does the Lord Require of You (VU701)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: We are blessed when we hunger for justice and thirst for reconciliation.

All: **Our souls are nourished by God's hope and grace.**

One: We are blessed when we grieve over the brokenness of the world,

All: **choosing, as God does, to be with those who are weak and powerless.**

One: We are blessed when we become God's followers,

All: **willing to do what is right and good, not what is easy.**

One: Come, let us worship.

CONGREGATION SINGS: (sing twice)

Draw the circle wide, Draw it wider still
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Wonderful God, from you we receive the food we eat and the gifts that make us who we are. But especially, we receive the love which you send to us through our brothers and sisters in Christ. Open our hearts, and pour in your love, so that we may be filled with your joyful spirit and share that love with each other. Amen.

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

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN TO & RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Micah 6: 1-8
Psalm 15 (#736)
Matthew 5: 1-12

AHTHEM: "Be Thou My Vision" (Peter Paul Olejar)

SERMON: "A Vision of Wholeness"

HYMN: #560 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

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:

O God, you turn things upside down, calling the us to embrace your ways. Help us to grow in acknowledging our need for you. Open us to the vision of your reign on earth, and strengthen us to do our part. May these offerings and those given through PAR help to do your will. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #223 "Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing to Your Praise"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Wherever You May Go" (MV216)

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 brother and uncle

Bobby Pelley

From Jason, Tonya, Alex & Avery