

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
- Guest Clergy:	Ms. Lorraine Jarvis
- Youth Program Coordinator:	Heather Cronhelm
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Jacqueline Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley

June 25th, 2017

3rd After Pentecost

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Jesus proclaimed that God hears the voices of those in need, and responds. He spoke of the hardship that those who follow God's way of love and compassion would encounter. Those who break through the barriers of injustice do so at a cost, and at times they will be afraid. Jesus reminds his followers, then and now, of the metaphor of the sparrows – that God knows each of them. What's more, God has counted the number of hairs on our heads. God will be with us no matter what. We are urged to be courageous in what we do.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT:

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: We are well known by God! God knows the number of hairs on our head, God knows us that well.

All: **How well does God know our world?**

One: God knows each sparrow that falls from the sky, God knows the world that well.

All: What does God promise?

One: God promises to love us always.

All: Always, in every circumstance?

One: Always, in every circumstance, in our failure and in our success, in conflict and in harmony, God loves us.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: Let us worship God!

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: (In Unison)

Living God, we enter this time of worship for we feel you calling to us and urging us to be a part of your family. We stand with all the people gathered here in hopeful community, choosing to be a place where your generosity and kindness dwell. Amen.

HYMN: #223 “Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing ...”

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 19 (Responsive VU pg. #740)

1st. Corinthians 12, 12-14, 27

Gospel Lesson: Mark 12, 28-31

ANTHEM:

MESSAGE: One In The Body

HYMN: #651 “Guide me, O thou Great Jehovah”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY: (vu #958)

Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (In Unison)

Loving God, accept these gifts and those given through PAR as thanksgiving for your many blessings. Accept these gifts as our commitment to your kingdom. Accept these gifts and accept our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #625 "I Feel the Winds of God"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION:

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

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