

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

May 21st, 2017
6th of Easter

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Gracious God, you call us to be disciples of your son, Jesus, and good stewards of your many gifts. Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of our countless blessings. Transform us through the power of your Spirit to nurture a stewardship way of life for all our days. Help us to be the salt that brings out the God flavours of this earth to encourage vitality and joy and never lose our saltiness and our purpose. Help us to be light with beams of community, compassion, and hope for a better and more just world. We pray this in the name of Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. Amen.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "This Little Light of Mine"

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: God listens to us!

All: God hears the sound of our prayers!

One: Praise God! God does not reject our prayers.

All: God does not withhold faithful love from us.

One: Praise God! Come, let us worship God.

Lighting of Christ Candle

CONGREGATION SINGS:

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
Throughout the night, living in the light
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH:(responsive)

One: God of vision and promise, your prophets speak words of comfort to those who despair.

All: May we hear your hope for our time.

One: Your prophets speak with love about your promise.

All: May your compassion open us to see each other and the world as you do.

One: Your prophets challenge all people to work for your vision.

All: May we be the salt of that enables all to taste your Godliness. May we be the light that draws out the God-colours of this world for all to see. May all creation rejoice together in your light. Amen!

HYMN: #79 "Arise, Your Light has Come"

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 40: 1-5

Isaiah 12: (#880VU – Responsive)

Matthew 5: 13-16

ANTHEM: "Little is Much, When God Is In It" (HFG512)

SERMON:

HYMN: #679 "Let There Be Light"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY: (VU #542)

God's light, gift to the world throw open wide the doors!
The light that's set out on a hill will shine like ne'er before.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (In Unison)

God, our companion and our guide, bless these gifts and those given through PAR with your power to change the world, so all may see the brilliance of your light and taste the comfort of your love. Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #686 "God of Grace, God of Glory"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (HFG513)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

Today's bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God and donated

In loving memory of
Warrick Allen
by Marie

In loving memory of
Elizabeth Wade
from Gerard, Darrel & Wanda

In loving memory of
Theresa Wade
from her loving family

In loving memory of
Annie Mavin
from Barry, Thelma, Lisa, Randy & Yvette