

## 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>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>Jacqueline Kennedy</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>
- <b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>

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*May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017*  
*7<sup>th</sup> 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: People of God: Come to this place and be who you are.

**All: People of Salt and Light!**

One: With the work of your hands and the work of your hearts.

**All: People of Salt and Light!**

One: To refresh, to renew, to sing and to pray; to be children of God,  
Christ's disciples all the way!

**All: People of Salt and Light!**

One: Then, seasoned anew, bright, shining – alive – we'll go to the  
world, to help it thrive! People of Salt and Light, 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:**(in unison)

Great Giver of all gifts, we come to you, today, to ask for one more. We  
ask that you would make your presence known among us. We ask that  
you would open our inner heart, so that we might feel your love. We  
ask that you would sing your song, so that we might hear your hope and  
your joy. Be our salt. Be our light. Great God of all. In Jesus' name, we  
ask it. Amen!

**HYMN:** #625 "I Feel The Winds Of God..."

### **TALK TIME:**

## **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

Psalm 84 (#800 –VU – Responsive)

Matthew 5: 13-16

**ANTHEM:** "Your Love Is Amazing" (MV26)

**SERMON:** "Let Your Light Shine"

**HYMN:** #642 "Be Thou My Vision"

**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)

Thank you, loving God, for our waking and our sleeping, for the tang of salt on our lips, and the Christ light that shines in us and through us; bless these offerings and those given through PAR. These gifts are the symbols and commitments of our work, and how we wish to use it, for you. May these be signs of salt and light, signs of life and love, here, and everywhere. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #375 "Spirit of Gentleness"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "The Church is Wherever God's People  
Are Helping" (VU #579 v.2)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**