

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:	Brett Vey
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Jacqueline Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley

September 3rd, 2017

13th after Pentecost/Communion

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Through the readings this week we are given attention to life's journey and God's calling along the way. Through the notorious story of the call of Moses we listen for resonations to our own call stories.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Like mighty cedar trees,

All: we open our arms to you, O God.

One: Like swaying palm trees,

All: we feel your Spirit move among us.

One: Like apple trees heavy with fruit,

All: we offer our gifts to you and to the world. May they nourish and sustain.

One: Let us worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS:

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up to its glowing:
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you spread God's love to everyone,
you want to pass it on.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:**PRAYER OF APPROACH:** (in unison)

May we be deep-rooted in the soil of your word, Creator God. Nourish us with scripture and Spirit that we may grow stronger and taller. May our outstretched arms provide shelter and bear fruit for all your creatures, and your spirit blow through our branches. Amen.

HYMN: #661 "Come To My Heart Lord Jesus"

WE LISTEN TO & RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Exodus 3: (selected Verses)
Matthew 16: 21-28

SERMON:

HYMN: #337 "Blessed Assurance"

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY: (VU #958)

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (In Unison)

Gracious God, as we sojourn through your world, may we be ever mindful of leaving a light footprint, to give generously, and to care for one another. Multiply our gifts and our works, that they may amplify your beauty and grace. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

GATHERING PRAYER:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of Jesus; his work among us, and for those who carry on Christ's mission. We try to continue Christ's work, and pass on Christ's light, but sometimes we are scared; that Christ's work will be too costly, or too hard. Sometimes we let the light go out; we let everyday concerns extinguish it. Sometimes we are reluctant to pass the light on: we don't want to share, believing our way is the right way. *(A moment's silence)* Gracious God, through Jesus Christ, may your love surround us and bring us forgiveness and peace. **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: #226 "For The Beauty of the Earth"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION:

MUSICAL POSTLUDE: