

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

Sunday, April 1st, 2018 - 10:30 A.M.
EASTER SUNDAY

WELCOME & HAPPY EASTER! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! This ancient Easter greeting heralds the defining story of our faith. In the text, God's loving action on our behalf is evident. The gospels point us to the risen Christ and proclaim the good news available to all.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

ORGAN PRELUDE:

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #157 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: Christ is alive! Alleluia!

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: We gather in the name of the one who gives us life.

All: Christ is alive! Alleluia!

One: We pray in the name of the one whose life shows us how to live.

All: Christ is alive! Alleluia!

One: We serve in the name of the one who died and rose again.

All: Christ is alive! Alleluia!

One: God's steadfast love endures forever. Let us worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS: (CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT)

Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say,
Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today:
Come then, True and Faithful, now fulfill your word;
This is your third morning: rise, O buried Lord!
Welcome, happy morning! Age to age shall say,
Hell today us vanquished, heaven is won today:

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison)

Gracious God, we praise you for melody and harmony, for notes that blend together and those that clash. As we participate in your magnificent creation, may our songs of praise and thanksgiving overcome the rumblings of disharmony; may our voices proclaim your grace and peace through prayer, word, and music. We pray in the name of our Risen Lord. Amen.

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HYMN: #164 "The Day of Resurrection"

TALK TIME:

ANTHEM: "Because He Lives"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 20: 1-18

SERMON:

ANTHEM: "Alleluia, Alleluia" (Lani Smith, *Tune:* Hymn to Joy)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY:

From God we have the gifts of earth;
From Christ's stone tomb we have our birth;
We offer now our tithe and pray
That Christ bring justice in our day.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Living God, accept these gifts, given to bring purpose where there is hesitancy, courage where there is struggle, comfort where there is sadness, assurance where there is self-doubt, justice where there is powerlessness. These gifts are the gifts of life. Bless them and bless us. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (#959 – VU - sung)

HYMN: #173 "Thine Is The Glory"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Joy Comes with the Dawn" (VU166)

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE:

Flowers in church today are placed in Loving memory of *Peter Pollard* by Hilda Pollard-Milley.

