

## TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

*"The Church by the Side of the Road"*

Fully accessible for people with physical disabilities

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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>Brett Vey</b>
- <b>Organist:</b>	<b>Beth Cranston</b>
- <b>Choir Director:</b>	<b>Andrew Cranston</b>
- <b>Guest Choir:</b>	<b>Coastal Sounds</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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*April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*5<sup>th</sup> of Easter*

### SERVICE NOTE

**WELCOME:** Jesus is the true vine, and we are the branches, called to live together in the Christian family as an Easter people. God tends the vine so that we may produce the fruits of justice and love. When we abide in God, we bear fruit of that love to others. All are welcome to become part of this community.

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

**INTROIT:** "Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ" (MV #166)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive)

One: Jesus is the true vine.

**All: We are the branches.**

One: People of the loving vine grower, we gather here to seek God's care. Open your hearts: let God's Spirit tend you, let God's word cleanse you, let God's commandment of love abide in you, let us avail to the loving attention of our God and be fruitful. Let us worship God!

## **WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:**

### **CONGREGATION SINGS:**

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

### **OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison)

Guide us in our worship today, Holy Spirit. As we hear words of love and challenge, move through us calling us to act upon them. As we sing praises, may our hearts be lightened. Inspire us to reconnect with you in ways we never imagined possible; to be changed because we have been here to worship our God. Amen.

**HYMN:** #651 “Guide Me, O thou Great Jehova”

### **TALK TIME:**

### **WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD**

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

1 John 4: 7-12

Psalms 22 (VU 746 parts 3 & 4)

John 15: 1-8

**ANTHEM:** “In Terra Pax” (Jerry Estes.) Traditional Latin Translation: *On Earth Peace to all those of good will, alleluia.*

**SERMON:** “Love Abides”

**HYMN:** #333 “Love Divine, all Loves Excelling”

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**OFFERTORY:** “The Church is Wherever God’s People” (VU#579)

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (in unison)

We abide in you, God, and offer you our lives. You use even what is pruned for the growing of your reign. We bring the first fruits of our lives, the first fruits of our vines to you today. We offer them with reverence and awe for the good of your reign. May you use them in ways that bear good fruit. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #256 "God Beyond All Praising"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "Let the Music Live" (Earlene Rentz)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**