

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
- Guest Speaker:	Hon. Col. Wayne Miller
- Youth Program Coordinator	Brett Vey
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Male Choir
- Office Manager:	Jacqueline Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley

April 8th, 2018

2nd after Easter

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME: Grace abounds in the readings for the Easter season. Christ breaks into places where we are fearful and anxious and offers his peace. In that peace, we find forgiveness and an invitation to be in community. We see the love of Christ come to life in the ways we offer forgiveness to others.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: In My Heart There Rings A Melody (HFC #633 v. 2)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: We have seen, and we have heard:

All: Christ is risen!

One: The cross and tomb are empty.

All: Christ is risen!

One: The disciples saw his hands.

All: Christ is risen!

One: They saw his side.

All: Christ is risen!

One: Love has come to life.

All: We come to worship the risen Christ who is risen indeed!

Congregation Sings

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory - great things he hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us his son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Redeeming God, Christ commissioned disciples to offer peace and forgiveness in his name. As we celebrate the good news of resurrection, empower us to be better able to testify to the life that is revealed in Christ. May we find forgiveness and peace this day. Amen.

HYMN: #389 "God is Here"

TALK TIME:

DEDICATION OF VOICES UNITED HYMN BOOKS

In memory of
Mildred Tucker

Prayer: (in unison)

Giver of all good gifts, it is by your power that all things are made holy. We give thanks for your marvellous wonders, and for the work of human hands. Be with us now as we receive and dedicate these hymn books. We ask now your blessing on these hymn books for use in your service. May your face shine upon what we do here this day, that all might draw nearer to you and praise you. Amen.

Presentation:

In loving memory of *Mildred Tucker* and on behalf of her family we present these Voices United Hymn books to be dedicated to the glory and praise of God.

Receiving of gift:

With gratitude, we accept these Voices United Hymn books. We will care for them, and will use them reverently.

Words of Dedication:

One: In the name of the holy and triune God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit.

All: We dedicate these hymn books to the glory of God.

One: With gratitude and reverence,

All: We dedicate these hymn books to the glory of God.

One: In loving memory of *Mildred Tucker*,

All: We dedicate these hymn books to the glory of God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Let us pray, Creator God, source of all inspiration and beauty, we thank you for the gift of these hymn books now dedicated to the glory of your name. God, you are the singer and the song; you call us to enter your gates with thanksgiving, to make a joyful noise in praise of you. Bless the use of these hymn books we have dedicated today. May we sing psalms and hymns with heart and soul and voice all our lives, and in the life of perfect praise yet to come. Amen. **(congregation to sing #395 – v.1 (Part of the Family).**

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 98 (#818 – responsive)

John 15: 12 - 17

ANTHEM:

PRESENTATION: “CBS Monument of Honour” Hon. Col. Wayne Miller

HYMN: #806 “Oh God Our Help in Ages Past”

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: (in unison)

We thank you, God, for the gifts we return to you. You asked us to give what we have for the good of all, and our offering is but one way we do that. Guide our work, that it will help to bring your work, your peace, and your presence to the world. We dedicate the offerings of our lives to the work of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #508 Just As I Am"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection (vu #586 v.1)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

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

In loving memory of husband

Herman Humby

from wife Pearl & family

In loving memory of

George Baggs

from wife Sandra, sons Derick, Scott & Roy
grandchildren Emily, Katie, Jack, Riley & Jamie

In memory of

departed members of Queen Victoria Lodge #218, Foxtrap

In loving memory of a special friend

Helen Burt & Aunt, Joan Hierlihy

from Barbara

In loving memory of father

Bert Cave

from Ken, Doreen & family