

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:	Jacqui Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley

February 25th, 2018
2nd in Lent

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME: We enter the Season of Lent with a blessing – a rainbow set in the clouds to remind us of God's promise to every living creature. This is a sign of protection; God will hold back the waters of total destruction. As we look towards Jerusalem and the cross, we cling to the signs of God's covenantal love.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Harmonia Mundi" (World Harmony) - Sean Deibler

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: When life is wonderful,

All: you are there, O God.

One: When life is unpredictable,

All: you are there, O God.

One: When our hearts are full of joy,

All: you are there, O God.

One: When our hearts are heavy from the cares of the world,

All: you are there, O God.

One: You are here with us, O God, in our time of worship.

"Lenten Light"

(Lighting of the **Christ** Candle to increase the light on our Lenten Journey)

CONGREGATION SINGS: *"We Are Marching in the Light of God"*

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Holy One, as we begin our Lenten journey, you remind us of why we are on this path. Help us to be like Noah, trusting you even when we cannot see, knowing you to be faithful, and following you where you lead. Amen.

HYMN: #562 "Jesus Calls Us"

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Genesis 9: 8-17

Psalm 25: (VU p. 752 – responsive)

Mark 1: 9-12

ANTHEM: *"Lenten Carol"* (Carolyn Schwartz)

SERMON: *"Standing on the Promises"*

HYMN: #337 "Blessed Assurance"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY: (VU #958)

Halle, halle, hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

We thank you, God, for the abundant blessings you have entrusted to us. Enable us to be good stewards of all you have given. Grant us hearts of generosity to give back – to say thank you, to further your work, and to proclaim your reign until it fully comes. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #580 "Faith of Our Fathers"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: Simple Gifts (VU #353)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

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

In celebration of the birth of my grandson
Elliot Allen Fackler
from Yvonne Lewis

We Are Marching in the Light of God VU #646)

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God. (x2)

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God. (x2)

Si-ya-hamb' e-ku-kha-nyen kwen-khos',
Si-ya-hamb' e-ku-kha-nyen kwen-khos'. (x2)

Si-ya-ham-ba, ham-ba, si-ya-ham-ba, ham-ba
Si-ya-hamb' e-ku-kha-nyen kwen-khos'. (x2)