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."

Ministers: The Congregation **Guest Minister: Lorraine Jarvis**

Youth Program Coordinator Brett Vev

Organist: Beth Cranston

Choir Director: Andrew Cranston

Choir: Mixed Choir

Office Manager: Jacqueline Kennedy Caretaker: Roger Richards

Clergy: Rev. Bruce Kearley

> February 4th, 2018 5th After Epiphany

WELCOME

To all who worship with us today! May God's blessings be with you!

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: Spirit, Open my Heart (MV #79, chorus)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

Have you not known? Have you not heard? One:

ΔII: What is it that is told from the beginning, and understood

since Earth was formed?

One: The Holy One sits above the circle of Earth watching over us.

All: Not one of us is without a name. Not one of us remains

uncounted.

The Holy One is unsearchable to us. The divine ways are hidden. One:

All: But even in our misunderstanding, we are lifted up. Even in

our faint-heartedness, we are strengthened.

Therefore, let us praise the everlasting God. Amen. One:

CONGREGATION SINGS: One more Step Along the World I Go (VU #639, v.1)

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

O God, open our senses to the fragrance of Christ. Open our minds to the teachings of Jesus. Open our hearts to the love of God. Open our actions to the movement of the Spirit. Open us, Divine Healer, to the work of reconciliation and the promise of wholeness into which we are called. Amen.

HYMN: As the Deer Pants for the Water (VU #766)

TALK TIME

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 43 (VU 768) Responsive

Luke 8, 42-48

SERMON: "A Strong Faith"

ANTHEM: Duet "Through It All", (Andrae Crouch)

HYMN: O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing (VU #326)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY: (sing twice)

Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)
Praise the Creator, the Spirit, the Son,
Raising our hands (raising our hands)
In devotion to God who is one!

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

We sing of thanksgiving and give with praise, for God gathers the outcast, heals the broken-hearted, and binds all our wounds. We are all given a name. We are all lifted up in the power and abundance that can only come from God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: All the Way My Saviour Leads me (VU #635)

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: I Have Called You By Your Name (MV #161, v.4)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

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

In loving memory of a beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather **Heber Bennett**

from Bob, Debbie, Sheri, Gregory, Christy & Brynn

In loving memory of a beloved brother, brother-in-law & uncle Scott King

from Debbie, Bob, Sheri, Gregory, Christy & Brynn