

## 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>Choir:</b>	<b>Male Choir</b>
- <b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Jacqui Kennedy</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>
- <b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>

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**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

*4<sup>th</sup> in Lent*

### SERVICE NOTE

**WELCOME:** The readings for this fourth week in the Season of Lent deal with real love and real pain. In the midst of real pain God's love is real. No matter how devastating and broken the condition of life, God works for healing, wholeness, and redemption.

### **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

#### THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

**INTROIT:** "To the Desert Jesus Came" (VU # 113 – v.4)

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive)

One: We come from north, south, east, and west to proclaim:

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: We come carrying heartbreak and hope to proclaim:

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: We come as children, full of exuberance and uncertainty, to proclaim:

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: We come as elders, bearing wisdom and exhaustion, to proclaim:

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: We come to worship to proclaim:

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

## **"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)

God of the ages, when pain and grief overwhelm, when terror and violence reign, when health shatters and hope crumbles, your steadfast love endures. Mend our broken hearts that we might bear your life-giving love in every moment. Amen.

**HYMN:** #266    "Amazing Grace"

**TALK TIME:**

### **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Psalm 107 (#831 – VU – Parts 1 & 2 – responsive)

John 3: 14-17

**ANTHEM:**        "The Love of God" (HFG #18)

**SERMON:**

**HYMN:** #278    "In The Quiet Curve of Evening"

### **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 praise you God of all nations, and offer these gifts in thanksgiving for your love. Gracious God, transform these gifts and us for service in your world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**SONGS OF THE GOSPEL**

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "Jesus Bids Us Shine" (VU #585 – v.1)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**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)