

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."
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| - Ministers: | The Congregation |
| - Clergy: | Rev. Bruce Kearley |
| - Youth Program Coordinator
and Band Director: | Brett Very |
| - Organist: | Beth Cranston |
| - Youth Band & Choir: | Courage & Inspiration |
| - Sound: | Stephen Stone |
| - Office Manager: | Jacqui Kennedy |
| - Caretaker: | Roger Richards |
| - Greeters: | The Pelley Family |
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September 16th, 2018

Using Your Gifts

Welcome:

"Sing a happy hallelujah, sing it out with heart and style, we're the echo of God's laughter, we're the image of God's smile. Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone." (VU #224)
We each have a gift. We each have a role. Today, as we enter a new season we can reflect on our gifts and how we help shape the world around us.

We Gather as God's People

The Musical Prelude:

- "Kiss The Rain" - Erin Burt

Call To Worship lead by Sara Vey, Chelsea Hodder and Naomi Bungay:

One: You have called us to this place, O Lord.

All: Each one of us is unique, with differing gifts and talents.

One: Yet each talent represented here is valuable in God's realm.

All: Lord, help us find ways in which to use our talents for healing and hope.

One: Come, let us praise the Lord who has called us here.

All: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's word for us. Amen.

Townley, Nancy C. "Classic Worship Connection"

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1450/classic-worship-connection-august-27-2017>.

Accessed June 2018.

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #395 - "Come In Come In and Sit Down"

Words of Welcome & Congregational Life & Work:**Prayer of Approach lead by Samuel Bungay: (In unison)**

O God, I want to bloom where I am planted and resist the temptation to compare myself to others. Help me see the ways you have uniquely gifted me to serve you and your Kingdom. Thank you for making me just as I am. Forgive me for the ways I have compared myself and coveted the abilities of others. I pray that, starting today, I would see the opportunities in front of me to use my gifts and abilities. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

Dr. Neil Anderson. "A Prayer to Help You Discover Your Gifts and Abilities"
<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/a-prayer-to-help-you-discover-your-gifts-and-abilities-your-daily-prayer-August-9-2016.htm>

Accessed June 2018.

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #585 - "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

Talk Time - Inspiration**We Listen To God's Word****Scripture Readings:**

- Matthew 25:14-30 (The Parable of the Talents) ----- Alex Pelley

Ministry of Music:

"All God's Creatures" ----- Courage

Reflection: "A Grain of Rice"

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #575 - "I'm Gonna Live"

Minute For Mission:**Offering:**

"I Love To Tell The Story" performed by Rachael Moores and Erin Burt.

Congregation Sings:

*Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away
Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more.
It's just like a magic penny, hold on tight and you won't have any.
Lend it spend it and you'll have so many- they'll roll all over the floor!
Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away
Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more.*

Offertory Prayer:

Accept our offering of prayer and praise and thanksgiving for all that You have given to us. We pray that you would receive these small tokens of our love, knowing that all things come from You. We offer back to You these gifts in thanksgiving for the bountiful goodness that You have given to us. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Unknown Author

<https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Prayers-for-Giving>

Accessed August, 2018.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:**Hymn:**

This Little Light Of Mine (See back of bulletin)

Commissioning and Benediction:**Musical Postlude:**

Piano Instrumental - "O God Beyond All Praising"

This Little Light Of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel NO, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel NO, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel NO, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine let it shine let it shine.