

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 |
| - Youth Program Coordinator: | Brett Very |
| - Organist: | Beth Cranston |
| - Choir Director: | Andrew Cranston |
| - Choir: | Mixed Choir |
| - Office Manager: | Jacqueline Kennedy |
| - Caretaker: | Roger Richards |
| - Clergy: | Rev. Bruce Kearley |

September 9th, 2018

16th After Pentecost/Start of Sunday School

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Ordinary actions of everyday life have great potential for good. Our readings today invite us to consider how love and compassion are the essence of living faithfully in God's reign. They call us to shape our lives according to God's justice and mercy, striving for relationships that go beyond expectations.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: MV #18 "Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary"

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: It is a new day – a day where we come together to worship,

All: a day that brings new challenges, a day that may be full of hurt or hope.

One: Yet we have assurance – we worship a God who loves us unconditionally,

All: and who will journey beside us no matter what the day brings.

One: Come, let us worship.

CONGREGATION SINGS: (#820 VU)

Make a joyful noise all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth.
Come to this place with a song!

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison)

God of beginnings, you created a beautiful world where sun and rain help our crops grow and allow us to flourish. God of reconciliation, you sent Jesus to a broken world and a lost people so that we might be gathered again into a relationship with you. God of mercy, you care for the weak and downtrodden for those that we, and our society, tend to overlook. God of love, you give us what we need for each day's journey even when we are not aware that you are travelling with us. Ever present God, be with us as we come to worship you today and may your spirit enter our hearts in a way that is beyond our expectations. Amen.

HYMN: VU #371 "Open My Eyes, That I May See

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN & RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Ps 100 (#824 – VU)

Luke 10: 25-37

ANTHEM: Here I Am, Lord (arr. Jack Schrader)

SERMON:

HYMN: #595 "We Are Pilgrims"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY: (#537 – VU)

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,
And some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.
Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:
Be pleased to use it as your own, as ask for Jesus' sake.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (In Unison)

As people of God, we covenant to be good neighbours. We will be aware of those in our community and look out for them. We will be aware of those who suffer because of the world's inequalities. We will strive to live as God would have us live. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: VU#312 "Praise with Joy the World's Creator"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: MV#173 (V. 1&5) "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

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

In loving memory and thanksgiving for the life of

Stewart Palmer

from Lynn & Verda