

## 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."

- <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>Mixed Choir</b>
- <b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Jacqueline Kennedy</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>
- <b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>

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**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

*4<sup>th</sup> after Epiphany & The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

### SERVICE NOTE

**WELCOME:** God's word has the power to create, curtail, refine, shape, challenge, build, and plant. The power of God's word has been described over and over in scripture, yet we can forget to leverage its strength in our efforts to transform our lives and our communities. As we read this week's scripture readings, let us consider the ways that God's word could create, refine, strengthen, and replant our lives in a way that enlivens the Spirit, pleases God, and makes the reign of God more visible for all who seek hope in a hurting world.

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

#### THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

**INTROIT:** "Like A Rock" (MV 92)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive based on Ps. 71))

**One:** In you, O God, I take my refuge; you are my hope and my trust.

**All:** **You are my rock and my fortress. I will continually praise you.**

**One:** Let us praise God again and again. Let us worship God.

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**CONGREGATION SINGS:** #575 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

**OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison)

Creator God, you spoke, and the world took shape. You spoke, and your people turned back to you. The word was made flesh in Christ, and we could see your love among us. Your word comes to us in the rushing of the wind, and our lives are reawakened in you. Open us to encountering your word in new and powerful ways during worship. Help us place your word at the center of our life together. Maker of the universe, refine and mold our lives. Amen.

**HYMN:** #506 “Take My Life & Let it Be”

**WE LISTEN & RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Psalm 71 (#789 VU – Part 1 – responsive)

Luke 4: 21-30

**SERMON:**

**HYMN:** #508 “Just As I Am”

**OFFERTORY:**

*We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have in thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.*

(#543 – VU v. 1 – Words: William Walsh How 1858, alt.)

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (in unison)

Empowering God; you have put words in our mouth and gifts in our being. We dedicate all that we have and all that we are to spreading the word – your word – with voices born of love. Amen.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**ANTHEM:** “You Are My Body” (MV 200)

**GATHERING PRAYER:**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (responsive)

One: If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

All: **Forgive us, God, when we do not love.**

One: Love is patient; love is kind

**All: Forgive us, God, when we do not love.**

One: Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

**All: Forgive us, God, when we do not love.**

One: Love does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful.

**All: Forgive us, God, when we do not love.**

One: Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

**All: Forgive us, God, when we do not love.**

One: Hear us, O God, as we confess to you the times we have failed to love with all our heart. *(A time of silence)*

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS**

## **BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

*(The Bread is broken & The Cup is lifted)*

*(Communion is shared)*

**HYMN:** #333 "Love Divine All Love's Excelling"

## **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "Bread For The Journey" (MV 202)

## **MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**