

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."

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

March 24th, 2019

3rd, in Lent

WELCOME! The goodness of God invites all to its feast. Do we hear its priceless grace? The goodness of God bids all to receive love, gift-wrapped in relationship. Do we see its community? The goodness of God opens hearts to reconciliation. Do we seek its healing? The goodness of God brings second chances. Do we turn to the One in whom we find our deep belonging?

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "To The Desert Jesus Came" (VU #113 v. 3)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: People of God, do you thirst? Do you hunger, on this Lenten journey?

All: Our souls long for the quenching relief of right relationship and just living and of knowing all are well and safe.

One: We are invited to drink deeply from the well of the glory of God! We are invited to be renewed by the ever-flowing grace of God's forgiveness and welcome.

All: How shall we respond to such grace, kindness and love?

One: Let us respond in faithful worship and offer our very selves in thanksgiving for God's great love. Come, let us worship!

CONGREGATION SINGS: “You Are Holy” (Hamba nathi) MV45

You are holy, you show us the way. (x4)

You show us, you show us, you show us the way. (x4)

Zulu Text - *Hamba nathi Mkhululi wethu*

Pronunciation - Hahm-bah nah-tee koo-loo-lee weh-too

(Words and music: traditional song, South Africa English paraphrase and arrangement: More Voices, 2007. Zulu text means “Walk with us, our Liberator”)

“A Journey with Jesus – Lenten Candle Liturgy”

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (in unison)

Water of Life we thirst. Bread of the World we hunger. Giver of All Mercy we ache for a sense of your presence in our world. We know that our great joy and fulfillment is in your love and grace, and our most faithful living is in our ability to share and create wholeness. Pour into our lives anew; nourish our spirits afresh; touch our souls with your hand and help us to find our way. Be with us on this journey as we worship, we pray. Amen.

HYMN: #356 “Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God”

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN & RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63: (#781 Voices United – responsive)

Luke 13:6-9

ANTHEM: “Fresh as the Morning” (MV #28)

SERMON:

HYMN: #649 “Walk With Me”

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

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)

Gracious God, as we dedicate this offering, we also dedicate our thirst. Use it to help transform the world. As we dedicate these gifts, we also dedicate our hunger. May it motivate us all to act in the world and create new light. Bless this giving and this worship toward true renewal. Amen.

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #282 "Long Before the Night"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "May the Love of the Lord" (MV #218)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

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

In loving memory of father

Bert Cave

from Ken & Doreen