

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
• Worship Leader:	Heather Cronhelm
• Youth Program Coordinator & Music:	Brett Vey
• Organist:	Beth Cranston
• Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
• Office Manager:	Jacqueline Kennedy
• Caretaker:	Roger Richards

May 19th, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME : Today's scripture readings speak of God's great love for us and for all creation. We hear again Christ's commandment to love one another. Let us open our hearts and minds more fully to the invitation within this commandment. May we see more clearly God's vision of wholeness and unity.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: VU# 376 Spirit of the Living God

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: Jesus said: Love one another,

All: We come to worship God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.

One: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants; now I call you my friends.

All: We come to worship God, whose friends we are in Christ.

One: Let us sing praise to God, and live in love and friendship; through Jesus Christ. **Amen**

CONGREGATION SINGS: MV # 145 Draw the Circle Wide (refrain)
(The choir will sing the verses.)

*Draw the circle wide. Draw wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (In unison)

Fit us O God for this new day. Through your Spirit, grant us courage, so that today's uncertainties may not overwhelm us. Through Christ, fill us with love, so that differences may not divide us. Through your creative energy, make us new, so that the past may not enslave us. Spirit, Christ, Creator, lead us into newness of life. Amen.

HYMN: VU # 299 Teach Me, God, to Wonder

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 11:1-18

John 13:31-35

ANTHEM: "Loving God, Loving Each Other" (William & Gloria Gaither)

SERMON: "What's the Difference?"

HYMN: VU # 510 We Have This Ministry

WE RESPOND To GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY: VU # 541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (In unison)

God of all peoples and God of all places, we present these offerings, that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: VU # 595 We are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: VU # 642 Be Thou My Vision (v.1)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

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In loving memory of beloved father, grandfather & father-in-law

Warrick Allen

love Don, Anne, Rebecca, & Nicholas