

# **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**

**Clergy:**

**Rev. Bruce Kearley**

**Congregational Designated Minister:**

**Steven Rogers**

**Organist:**

**Beth Cranston**

**Choir Director:**

**Andrew Cranston**

**Choir:**

**Senior Choir**

**Office Manager:**

**Lynn Mercer**

**Caretaker:**

**Roger Richards**

**Reader:**

**Phyllis Davis**

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***Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013***

**2<sup>nd</sup> of Easter/ Sacrament of Holy Communion**

## **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME** - The second Sunday of Easter is also known as Low Sunday as it comes at the end of Easter week, but rather than a Sunday to retire from and fold away the alleluias, it is a Sunday that speaks of bolder confidence and assurance from the disciples. On Easter Day the disciples are in the upper room afraid and unsure. This week the focus passage has them proclaiming confidently of Christ Jesus risen. **(Ecumenical Prayer Calendar: East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines.)**

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

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "Dance With the Spirit" (#156 – MV)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive – Seasons of the Spirit)

**One:** In the shadow of resurrection

**All:** **we will live out our faith.**

**One:** In the crumbs of broken bread

**All:** **we will proclaim our saviour risen.**

**One:** In the wine of the supper

**All:** **we will trust the promise of grace.**

One: In the community at the empty tomb  
**All: we will believe what the world does not.**  
One: In the gravestone now rolled away  
**All: we will break out in the joy of resurrection.**

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** (sing twice)

Worship the Lord, (worship the Lord)  
Worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,  
Raising our hands, (raising our hands)  
In devotion to God who is one.

**WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:** (unison – Seasons of the Spirit)

God of resurrection, it can be too simple to leave Easter as one exciting day, and then to slip back into the ho-hum of everyday living. Draw us out of our everyday into the extraordinary of being Easter people, of hearing stories of resurrection, and so of experiencing each day a new awareness of the presence of the risen Christ in our lives. Amen.

**HYMN:** #220 “Praise To The Lord”

**WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Psalms 150: (#874 – VU – Praise God with the sound of trumpet.)

John 20: 19-31 (Thomas doubts until he sees Jesus for himself.)

**SERMON:** “Speak Out”

**ANTHEM:** “The Lord Of Lords Art Thou” (James Denton)

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**DEDICATION OF COMMUNION CLOTHS**

**Prayer:** (Unison)

Giver of all good gifts, it is by your power that all things are made holy. We give you thanks for your marvelous wonders, and for the work of human hands. Be with us now as we receive these Communion Cloths. We ask your blessing and return it to your service. May your face shine upon what we do here this day, that all might draw nearer to you and praise you. Amen

**Presentation:**

In memory of ***Mrs. May Butler & Mrs. Anne Hull***, we present these Communion cloths to be dedicated to the glory and praise of God.

**Words of Dedication:**

One: In the name of the holy and triune God:  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit,

**All: We dedicate this gift to the glory of God.**

One: With gratitude and reverence,

**All: We dedicate this gift to the glory of God.**

One: For the beauty of his holy place and for the sake of all  
God's people,

**All: We dedicate this gift to the glory of God.**

**Prayer of thanksgiving:**

One: Let us pray. Creator God, source of all inspiration and  
beauty, we thank you for the gift of these Communion  
Cloths now dedicated to the glory of your name. Amen.

**OFFERTORY: "God Of Life"** (tune - "Joyful, joyful We Adore You")

God of life whose gifts surround us  
Hear the word of thanks we bring.  
As we see the beauty round us  
Give us voice our thanks to sing.  
Make us faithful; make us loving,  
Seek the best within our soul.  
May we guard your great creation,  
Find shalom that makes us whole.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #341 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

***THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION*****GATHERING PRAYER:****THE INVITATION:**

## CONFESSION:

God of Easter, we pray behind imposing gravestones – touchstones of our limitations; our confinement in grief; our despair in the ache of anger, the haunting of fear; flatness of spirit within the breadth of life.

We pray, clutching the gravestone from the inside. Gentle our restrictions, purify us through doubt, fashion us through surrender and trust.

Ready us, waken us, raise us as your children to be part of the Easter story. (*Moment of Silence*) This we pray, in the name of the one who, unafraid, gave himself over to life. Amen.

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## 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)***

*(The choir will sing – “Bread of Life, Feed My Soul” as Communion is shared.)*

**HYMN:** #649 “Walk With Me”

## COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “When You Walk from Here” (#298 – VU)

## MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

## TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

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*In loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather, **George Baggs** by Sandra & family*

*In loving memory of a dear friend **Helen Burt** by Barbara*

*In loving memory of **Albert and Beryl Thistle** by daughter  
Margurite & Roland Hillyard (a gift received for the Cemetery  
Fund)*

*In loving memory of parents **Jack and Alice Miller, sister Eloise,  
& grandparents Sara & John Miller** by Joan and Roland Regular  
(a gift received for the Roofing Fund)*

### **EASTER IN MEMORIAM**

*In loving memory of my dear husband **Hubert Stokes** by wife Olive*

*In loving memory of a wonderful father & grandfather **Hubert  
Stokes**, forever loved and missed by daughter Ruth, granddaughter  
Geri & family*