

# 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:	Combined Choir & UCW
Reader:	Evelyn Stockley

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**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 – 10:30 A.M.**

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

### **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME & HAPPY EASTER!** Easter remembers – and re-members. In today's passages, remembering recalls words told by Jesus and news preached by Peter. Remembering reconstitutes relationships sealed off by stones. Easter plants cornerstones of hope and harvests first fruits of life. The women remember and tell. What will we do? (*Ecumenical Prayer Calendar: Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore*)

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

#### **ORGAN PRELUDE:**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** #155 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP: (- responsive)**

One: The dawn has broken,

**All: Hallelujah.**

One: The tomb is empty,

**All: Hallelujah.**

One: The stone has rolled,

**All: Hallelujah.**

**One:** The women have witnessed,

**All: Hallelujah.**

**One:** The grave clothes are folded,

**All: Hallelujah.**

**One:** Christ has risen,

**All: Hallelujah.**

**CONGREGATION SINGS: (*CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT*)**

Joyful, joyful we adore you God of glory, life and love,  
hearts unfold like flowers before you opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away,  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**HYMN:** #412 "This Is The Day"

**TALK TIME with Steven**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *A New Creed (#918- VU)***

***WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD***

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Luke 24: 1-12 (The women report that the tomb is empty)

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** "Joy comes with the Dawn"

**SERMON: "An Idle Tale?"**

**HYMN:** #356 "Seek Ye First ..."

***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY:**

From God we have the gifts of earth;  
From Christ's stone tomb we have our birth;  
We offer now our tithe and pray  
That Christ bring justice in our day.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** "Welcome Happy Morning"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN:** #213 "Rejoice The Lord Is King"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "Sing a Happy Hallelujah"

**THE ORGAN POSTLUDE**