

# 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>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>
<b>Congregational Designated Minister:</b>	<b>Steven Rogers</b>
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<b>Scripture Reader:</b>	<b>Max Robbins</b>
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	<b>Phyllis and Sol Davis</b>

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*24<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost*

## **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME!** We witness to the power of God's love when we give of ourselves and trust in the message of Christ. This week's readings show individuals who witness through their zeal, hospitality, and forbearance. Consider the many ways we can tend to and witness to God's love.

(Ecumenical prayer calendar: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda.)

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

## **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**INTROIT:** "Spirit of Life"

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

One: Jesus travelled to many places.

**All: Some made him welcome, others did not.**

One: Yet in all places, Jesus tried to make others feel welcomed.

**All: Jesus seldom missed a chance to tell someone that they were a beloved child of God.**

One: And so in Jesus' name, we welcome you here,

**All: daughters and sons of God, beloved children of our Creator.**

One: When we welcome one another, indeed we welcome Jesus the Christ into our midst as well. Let us worship God.

**CONGREGATION SINGS:**

Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Stir in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roosts hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

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

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

God, we find our being in you. God, we seek our becoming in you. God, we find our belonging in you. Come to our house, this day, and call us a child of God. Amen.

**HYMN:** #574 "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Luke 19: 1-10 (Jesus dines with Zacchaeus.)

**SERMON:** "The Strength of Our Witness"

**ANTHEM:** "Jesus, I Come" (Ron Klusmeier)

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**OFFERTORY:**

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,  
And some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.  
Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:  
Be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (in unison – Seasons of the Spirit)

We give ourselves and our possessions with zeal because our spirits seek what is truly real. In love, in faith, in community, in mercy, you reveal to us a new way of belonging, of being, or becoming the realm of God. Bless us and those around us in all these ways. Amen.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**HYMN:** #665 "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour"

### **The Invitation**

**Confession:** (in unison – Seasons of Spirit)

Holy One, Source of humility and inspiration, we look around and inside us for our spirits, but we cannot see them fully for our view is clouded by pride. Help us to detach from what we desire and accomplish. Help us to let go what we wish too to control, and to live by faith. Holy One, ground us and lift us up, in our spirits made clear, and connected by our lived faith lived. Amen.

### **Words of Assurance**

### **Prayers & Intercessions**

### **Blessing the Bread and Cup**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

***(Communion is shared)***

**HYMN:** #563 "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

### **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "The Church Is Wherever God's People"

### **MUSICAL POSTLUDE**



**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

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*Lovingly remembered and sadly missed, wife and mother*

***Rosalind Purchase***

*by husband Fred, and daughters Nancy & Tracy*

*In loving memory*

***Reg Jones***

*from wife Pat, daughter Andrea, sons Mark & Ken and family*

*In celebration of mother*

***Jessie Dalley***

*from Corner Brook, on her 100th Birthday*

*from Allan, Wanda and family*

