

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

"The Church by The Side Of The Road"

Fully accessible for people with physical disabilities

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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:

Clergy:

Congregational Designated Minister:

Organist:

Choir Director:

Office Manager:

Caretaker:

Reader:

Communion Servers:

The Congregation

Rev. Bruce Kearley

Steven Rogers

Beth Cranston

Andrew Cranston

Lynn Mercer

Roger Richards

Maggie Whiteway

Rosalind Foley & Lynn Mercer

Sunday, September 1st, 2013

15th of Pentecost/ Sacrament of Holy Communion

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME - As we enter the second half of the Season after Pentecost, we continue to explore what it means to journey with God as disciples, what it means to be the church. We live within the faith community, called to show mutual love and hospitality to all, for God excludes no one. We are mentors for one another as we learn what it means to follow God's ways.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

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

One: This is a gathering time –a time to come together, settle in, and remember who we are. We are the church,

All: yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

One: We are greeted by the Spirit of Jesus who made common tables special and welcomed all to the feast. Spirit is with us,

All: yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

One: Abiding in mutual love we stretch out our hands in
friendship and discover the presence of God. We remain in
God's love,

All: yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family.

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (unison)

Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise as we gather for
worship. We are thankful that you invite us and all people into
your presence, to feast at your table, to share together as equals,
and to welcome one another. Keep us ever mindful that it is by
your grace that we are welcomed here. May we never do anything
to suggest that others of your children are any less worthy of your
grace. Amen.

HYMN: #260 "God who gives to life its goodness"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 81 (#797 – VU – Part 2 – God will feed you with wheat and honey)

Luke 14: 1, 7-14 (Those who exalt themselves will be humbled)

Hebrews 13: Selected Verses (A list of instructions on living mutual love.)

SERMON: "Being the Church"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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: (Unison – Seasons of the Spirit)

We are a gathered people brought together by Spirit. Each one of us is unique – a playful expression of the Divine Artist's work. Yet we share a common vision: to be a living reflection of mutual love. As such we will seek to be a community of extravagant hospitality welcoming every voice to the table, especially those who are often silenced. We will strive to be equally empowered, attentive to those who are most vulnerable. Amen

HYMN: #401 "Worship the Lord" (verses 4 & 5)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING PRAYER:

THE INVITATION:

CONFESSION: (in unison – Seasons of the Spirit)

Spirit of life, of love, of grace, of God, we come with resistance and with fears we lack understanding, and we're not sure you want us. We come with our pride, our doubts, our greed, our anger, our illness, our poverty, our wealth, our hunger. We feel your wind blowing, pushing us forward toward your table. Usher us in, Spirit of God.

Spirit of life, of love, of grace, of God, open our ears to the sound of your voice, open our eyes to your vision of grace, open our minds to the language of others, open our hearts to the presence of strangers, open our souls to the call of your welcome, open our way to the path to your table. Usher us in, Spirit of God.

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)*

HYMN: #560 “O Master, let me walk with thee”

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION:

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

BULLETIN DEDICATION

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

*In loving memory of
my Aunt,
Ethel Somerton
who would have celebrated her 96 Birthday
September 1st, 2013
by Ethel Parmiter & family*

*In loving memory of
Mother & Grandmother
Ethel Somerton
by Roger, Rosemary, Deena, Dawn, Darren & families*

*In loving memory of
Lewis Sturge,
by wife June and family.*