

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."
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| - Ministers: | The Congregation |
| - Clergy: | Rev. Bruce Kearley |
| - Congregational Designated Minister: | Steven Rogers |
| - Organist: | Beth Cranston |
| - Choir Director: | Andrew Cranston |
| - Choir: | Combined Choir |
| - Office Manager: | Lynn Mercer |
| - Caretaker: | Roger Richards |
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September 8th, 2013
16th after Pentecost

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Being in a relationship with Christ is life-changing. It shapes who we are, changes our outlook, and inspires us to live in God's ways. From the heart of love, justice flows out into all our relationships, even when doing so is difficult or comes at a cost. We wrestle with the implications of our new identity as individuals and as the church, discerning with one another how to live into God's grace and peace. (Ecumenical Prayer calendar: Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Former Yugoslav, Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia)

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Loving Spirit" (Ron Klusmeier)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: We open the window of our sacred hearts,

All: that connects us one to another.

One: We open the window on our community,

All: ready to be set free to love and live for justice.

One: We open the window on the world,

All: and recognize the Spirit of God in all creation.

One: Let us worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS:

I love Him better every day, I love Him better every day,
Close by His side, I will abide, I love Him better every day.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison – “Seasons of the Spirit”)

Creator Spirit, you know and love everything about us. You are aware of the waves of feelings and the sparks of thought throughout our days. You are mindful of our movements and actions – our work and our play, our leisure and our sleeping. We are held by you through the palm of creation. May we be attentive to your holding now and bask in your affirmation. We will praise you for truly we are wonderfully made. Amen.

HYMN: #264 “Immortal, Invisible, God only wise”

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jeremiah 18: 1-11 (God is the potter; we are the clay.)

Psalms 139 (#861 – God has searched me and known me.)

Luke 14: 25-33 (You must give up your possessions to be my disciples.)

ANTHEM: “Spirit of the Living God”

SERMON: “A New Identity”

HYMN: #149 “When I survey the Wondrous Cross”

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)

All that we are is gathered into the heart of Christ –nothing and no one is excluded. Through this unconditional love the brilliance of Christ's community shines out. We are loved. We are welcomed. We will be Christ together extending welcoming love to the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #506 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Behold, Behold, I Make All things New"

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

BULLETIN DEDICATION

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

*In loving memory and thanksgiving
for the life of*

Stewart Palmer

by Lynn, Verda, Ruth & families