

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:**

The Congregation

- **Clergy:**

Rev. Bruce Kearley

- **Congregational Designated Minister:**

Steven Rogers

- **Organist:**

Beth Cranston

- **Choir Director:**

Andrew Cranston

- **Choir:**

Male Choir

- **Office Manager:**

Lynn Mercer

- **Caretaker:**

Roger Richards

February 9th, 2014
5th after Epiphany

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Salt is essential to life as it allows for the proper function of the human body along with the other life forms on earth. We think of salt as a seasoning, but it also serves as a preservative and disinfectant. Salt is a common substance, and in Jesus' day it was highly valued, even serving as a unit of exchange. In the gospel passage for today, those listening to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount are told that they are like the salt of the earth. Together, we will explore how we can preserve and purify and be both common and essential; and learn what it means to "practice righteousness" and to restore beauty in community.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

INTROIT: "Spirit of the Living God" (VU #376)

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

One: People of God, rejoice in God's presence!

All: As we praise and pray, God is with us.

One: People of God, rejoice in this faith community!

All: As we support each other, as we reach out a helping hand, God is with us.

One: People of God, rejoice in your Christian faith!

**All: As we follow the way of Jesus, as we proclaim his
Good News, God is with us.**

One: Let us worship God!

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CONGREGATION SINGS: (Sing twice)

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you,

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield,

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you!

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (responsive - Seasons of the Spirit)

One: Today, we hear Jesus say we are the salt of the earth, the light of the world, a city built on a hill. Light of the world,

All: be our light this day.

One: Creator of life,

All: preserve our life this day.

One: Holy God,

All: pour out your righteousness on us this day.

One: Light of the world,

**All: we gather to praise you on this day, with our hearts, song,
and minds. Amen.**

HYMN: #585 "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

TALK TIME

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 (Wisdom through God's Spirit.)

Psalms 112: VU #834 (Delight in God's commandments.)

Matthew 5: 13-16 (You are salt; you are light.)

ANTHEM: "Bathe Me In Your Light" (Ron Klusmeier)

SERMON: "Let Your Light Shine"

HYMN: #378 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY: (VU #540)

Grant Us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living, we may offer faithfully.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #286 "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "It Only Takes A Spark" (VU #289)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

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In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather

Augustus Eveleigh

by Rosalind Foley & family