

**TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH**  
***"The Church by the Side of the Road"***

<b>Ministers:</b>	<b>The Congregation</b>
<b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>
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<b>Organist:</b>	<b>Beth Cranston</b>
<b>Choir Director:</b>	<b>Andrew Cranston</b>
<b>Choir:</b>	<b>Mixed Choir</b>

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**GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTIONAL SERVICE**  
**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - 10:00 A.M.**

**In the Cross of Christ I glory  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime**

**INTROIT:** "O Come and Mourn with me"

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive)

**One:** You do not call us to worship because everything is sure. You do not call us to worship because everything is good.

**All:** You call us, O God, in the midst of turbulence and violence to follow in the footsteps of the Crucified One; to take up the cross for those who cannot bear it; to let peace be our watchword in all life's seasons

**One:** And now let us journey with Jesus to the cross.

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**(The Cross is carried into the Sanctuary)**

**THE CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT**  
**(A moment of silence is kept)**

**OPENING HYMN:** #149 "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:** (in unison)

God of life and death, you have called us to this day of crucifixion yet again; a story we would avoid, a betrayal we would forget, a journey we would sooner not take. Yet we have come to learn again what love means. Stay with us as we stay with you by the cross. Amen.

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**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**POEM: The Trouble Maker"**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** "Bitter Was The night"

**"PRAYERS AND CANDLES"**

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(Scripture, Reflection and Music)

**READING:** Luke 22: 39-48; Matthew 27: 3-5 – David Rowsell

**REFLECTION:** "Greed"

**HYMN:** #133 "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

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**READING:** Luke 22: 54-62 – Rosalind Foley

**REFLECTION:** *"Fear"*

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** "How Deep the father's love For Us"

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**READING:** John 18: 28-40 – Sarah Budgell

**REFLECTION:** *"Pride"*

**HYMN:** #135 "Beneath The Cross of Jesus"

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**READING:** John 19: 1-11 – Freeman Budgell

**REFLECTION:** *"Envy"*

**HYMN:** #142 "Near The Cross"

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**READING:** Luke 23: 13-25 – Doreen Cave

**REFLECTION:** *"Helplessness"*

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** "Take Up your Cross"

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**READING:** Luke 23: 32-28 – Ruth Jesseau

**REFLECTION:** *"Anger"*

**HYMN:** #152 "There is A Green Hill far away"

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**READING:** Luke 23: 39-43

**REFLECTION:** *"Forgiveness"*

***POEM: "The Old Violin"***

**READING:** Luke 23: 44-46.

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** "Were you there"

***THE CHRIST CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED***

(When ***"Were You There"*** is finished, the worship is complete. When you feel ready please leave quietly and may you be filled with the love of Christ until we gather again in the joy of **Easter**.)