



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."

Ministers:	The Congregation
Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley
Guest Clergy:	Rev. Bill Williams
Congregational Designated Minister:	Steven Rogers
Organist:	Beth Cranston
Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
Choir:	Mixed Choir
Office Manager:	Lynn Mercer
Caretaker:	Roger Richards

June 22nd, 2014

2nd after Pentecost

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! In this week's focus passage from the gospel of Matthew, we hear about Jesus disrupting our peace. It is a text that challenges and disrupts, especially when read alongside texts that focus on Jesus as the Prince of Peace. And yet, amidst the inherent tensions, Jesus' message to his disciples – in his time and in ours – is clear: do not be afraid. Through this central text, as well as the additional scriptures for this week, we are reminded that no matter what, God's presence is consistent. God hears us, God knows us, and God loves us.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Gather Us In" (MV #7)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Into our wilderness, God comes and says, “do not be afraid for I have heard your voice.”

All: Out of the shadows of fear and into the light of faith we come, O God.

One: When we ask for a sign of love, God comes and provides all that we need.

All: Out of the shadows of fear and into the light of faith we come, O God.

One: Jesus says, “Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

All: Out of the shadows of fear and into the light of faith we come, O God.

One: Come, let us worship in faith our faithful God.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God’s praise.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
Praise the Maker all your days!

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Gracious God, you give name to the prayers sung through our living. You created a world with so much potential for beauty. It is through this world that we experience the many stories that make us who we are. Help us to encounter you today, during this time of beholding and wonder. Amen.

HYMN: #266 “Amazing Grace...”

TALK TIME:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Patient God, it’s true: we don’t *want* you to disrupt our peace. Too often, we don’t let you interrupt our comfort and complacency. We like things the way they are. Too often we choose the easy

route. We wonder: What are you seeking to teach us? What are we to learn from you? Too much of our lives is often spent doubting you, instead of living into your beautiful reminder that we are heard, known, and loved. For this, we say sorry, forgive. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 86 (#803 - Turn your ear to me, O God.)

Matthew 10: 26-33 (Discipleship: lose your life and find it.)

ANTHEM: "Pray For The People" (Pepper Choplin)

SERMON: "You Can Do It"

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

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: (in unison)

God listens. God pauses. God responds. We have listened. We have paused. And now we respond. God, use our offering, an outpouring of our response to you, as gifts for the world. Through this giving, may we be inspired to continue offering in this – your world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #660 "How Firm A Foundation"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Don't Be Afraid" (MV #90)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE: