

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:	Mrs. Lorraine Jarvis
- Congregational Designated Minister:	Steven Rogers
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Mixed Choir
- Guest Organist:	Mr. Bill Green
- Office Manager:	Lynn Mercer
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

March 2nd, 2014
Transfiguration Sunday

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Today's readings seem an exclamation point to Jesus' teaching about God's realm in the Sermon on the Mount. In a place of sacred mystery, the shining and shadow of Jesus' transfiguration convey holy presence in the community of God's people across time. In this place of silence and witness, Jesus' followers catch a glimpse of God's dazzling reign. (Ecumenical prayer calendar: Myanmar, Thailand)

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

INTROIT: "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying" (VU #400)

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

One: Make known to us the power of the coming Christ.

All: We are eyewitnesses to majesty.

One: Hear the voice come from heaven to announce the Beloved.

All: We are the receivers of God's glory and honour.

One: Confirm the prophetic message more fully in our presence.

All: We are attendants to this light until the day dawns and the morning star rises.

One: Let us worship God's majesty, glory, honour, and prophetic light.
Amen.

CONGREGATION SINGS: (sing twice)

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow thro' the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

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

We may not be able to climb a hill for you, O God, but we gather to worship you in this place. We may never see you transfigured in glory in our presence, but we witness your transforming power in our living. We may not have the words to explain all that you are, but we have hearts that want to worship all that you are. Enable us to meet you in your glory around us, that we may worship you in truth and love. Amen.

HYMN: #651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

TALK TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison - Seasons of the Spirit)

Ever-present, dynamic Love, we confess we are resistant to change. There are times when we are quick to label you, to confine you in places deemed sacred and resist you in places mundane. Help us open up to the mystery that transfigures that which we think we know and that which we hope to worship. May we grow in accepting that transformation is possible, through the Beloved. Amen.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION: (Worship Leader - Seasons of the Spirit)

Do not fear the voice of Love calling out the Beloved, but feel the touch of Jesus and the voice of Christ saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."
Amen.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 17: 1-9

Psalm 84 (VU #800)

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15

ANTHEM: "Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus" (VU #357)

SERMON "Words Are Not Enough"

HYMN: #315 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

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: (unison - Seasons of the Spirit)

Loving God, as part of our listening to Jesus, we offer you these gifts that
they might enhance Christ's message in our world, and call others ever
closer to you. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #232 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "God Be With You" (VU #422, vs. 4)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE



TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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



In loving memory of
June Sturge
by Valerie Brown

In loving memory of
June Sturge
by Heather & Matthew Appleby

In loving memory of
June Sturge
by Eleanor Stokes