

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
- Congregational Designated Minister:	Steven Rogers
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Lynn Mercer
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards
- Reader:	Bob Jenkins
- Servers:	Bob Bennett &
-	Gillian Corbett

October 5th, 2014

World Communion Sunday

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! This day is observed in many parts of the world, although not by all churches. Some denominations produce special worship and learning resources for this day, and some ecumenical agencies encourage churches to acknowledge that on this day, perhaps more than any other, Christians around the world are – symbolically – gathered at a common table.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "God Reveal Your Presence" (#391 – verse 2)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Here we gather to be shaped into the ways of God. We come here to make space and time special. We come to be attentive to God's ways.

All: God, come into this time and make it holy, that we may be transformed by your presence.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

We are one as we come,
As we come, joyful to be here,
In the praise on our lips
There's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
As we seek, we are found;
And we come needful of God's grace
As we meet, together in this place.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Life-giving God, you urge us to live in ways that bring you honour, and that enable people to live together creating harmony and respect. Teach us to be attentive to your words. Help us hear you in the silence that speaks your life-giving word through the transforming power of your Spirit. Amen.

HYMN: #315 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 19 (#740 – The heavens are telling the glory of God.)

Philippians 3: 10-14 (I press on toward the goal of Christ's calling.)

SERMON: "WISDOM FOR THE WAY"

HYMN: #325 "Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation"

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)

Stir within us, Spirit of the living God, that our lives may carry the spirit of your law. May our finest offerings flow through these gifts into the world you love. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM: “Come, Be Fed”

GATHERING PRAYER:

CONFESSION: (in unison)

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of Jesus; his work among us, and for those who carry on Christ’s mission. We try to continue Christ’s work, and pass on Christ’s light, but sometimes we are scared; that Christ’s work will be too costly, or too hard. *(A moment’s silence)* Sometimes we let the light go out; we let everyday concerns extinguish it. *(A moment’s silence)* Sometimes we are reluctant to pass the light on: we don’t want to share, believing our way is the right way. *(A moment’s silence)* Gracious God, through Jesus Christ, may your love surround us and bring us forgiveness and peace. **Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (sung)

(The Bread is broken & The Cup is lifted)

(Communion is shared)

HYMN: #460 “All Who Hunger”

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “Eat This Bread & Never Hunger” (Chorus)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:



TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

*In loving memory of
parents*

James & Mildred Miller

from Sandra & family

A donation has been received for Pew Bibles

*In loving memory of
Husband, Father, Grandfather & Great grandfather*

Alexander Goulding

by wife Elsie, son Alex (Jr) daughters Linda, Karen, Kimberley

Loralynn, 14 Grandchildren, 4 Great-grandchildren

A donation has been received for the Roofing Fund

In Joyous Thanksgiving for a wonderful Mother

Georgina Eveleigh

On her 96th Birthday

by daughters Gloria & Rosalind