

# 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."

<b>Ministers:</b>	<b>The Congregation</b>
<b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>
<b>Congregational Designated Minister:</b>	<b>Steven Rogers</b>
<b>Organist:</b>	<b>Beth Cranston</b>
<b>Choir Director:</b>	<b>Andrew Cranston</b>
<b>Choir:</b>	<b>Male Choir</b>
<b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Lynn Mercer</b>
<b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>

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***September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014***

***14<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost/Communion***

## **SERVICE NOTE**

***WELCOME!*** *"If some of us do not yet know who we are going to be tomorrow, then it is enough for us to give thanks for today while we treat each other as well as we know."* Barbara Brown Taylor in Leaving Church; A Memoir Of Faith.

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "Near the Cross" (verse 1 – HFG 254)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive)

**One:** We worship God who caused the sea to look and flee and the mountains and hills to skip.

**All:** **God is our strength; we will praise God!**

**One:** We are bold to approach you and call you our God. We come into your presence with singing and into your courts with praise.

**All:** **God is our strength; we will praise God!**

**One:** Let us worship God!

**CONGREGATION SINGS:**

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up to its glowing:  
that's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it:  
you spread God's love to everyone,  
you want to pass it on.

**WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:****OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison)

We stretch out our hands, side to side, O God, connecting with our sisters and brothers in praise. We stretch out our hands above us, O God, hoping in praise to touch something beyond us. We stretch out our hands to the ground, O God, hoping in praise to approach the steady foundation of your love. Amen.

**HYMN:** #364 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD****SCRIPTURE READING:**

Romans 14: 5 – 12 (Whether we live or whether we die, we are God's)

Matthew 18: 21-22 (How many times must I forgive?)

**SERMON:**

**AHTHEM:** "Until Then" (HFG 133)

**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)

Use these are gifts, O God, to lead your people from death to life and from fear to hope. May our giving strengthen our trust in your power and enable us to celebrate your glory in our lives. Amen.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**HYMN: #676** “God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”

### **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: #421** “Lead On, O Cloud of Presence”

### **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “God Be with You ...” (HFG 523)

### **MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

*In loving memory of  
husband*

***Les Stokes***

*by wife Eleanor*

*a gift has been received for the roofing fund.*

*In loving memory of  
a dear husband, dad & grandpa*

***Jim Mansbridge***

*by Jean, Gary, Joanne, Liam, & Quinn*

*a gift has been received for the roofing fund.*

*In loving memory of*

***James A. Miller***

*by wife Marjorie*

