

## **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."

<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>Mixed Choir</b>
<b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Lynn Mercer</b>
<b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>

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***September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014***

***16<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost***

### **SERVICE NOTE**

***WELCOME!*** What does it mean to become great? This week we are invited, as members of the Church living in the world, to meditate on the difference between becoming exalted in the eyes of the world and becoming exalted in God's eyes. We are offered the opportunity to choose the path of those whose allegiance is to Jesus Christ alone.

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

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "Lord Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary" (MV18)

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

**One:** Welcome to all who gather here and now in this place!

**All:** **Creator God, we come together again as part of your family! With our hearts and voices, we come before you and sing praises to your name!**

**One:** In song and prayer we worship you, God of Jubilation!

## 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.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found –  
On God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound;  
I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want my world to know:  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

## WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

### OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

O God, your grandeur towers above the highest peaks; your strength can make them tremble and fall. Your love is deeper than the valleys of the oceans, and as encompassing as the water that covers the earth. In Christ Jesus you call us your children and through him your word is forever made known. Be with us now as in Christ's name we gather. Accept our praises as we confess Him Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

**HYMN:** #506 "Take My Life And Let it Be"

### TALK TIME:

#### **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

### SCRIPTURE READING:

Exodus 17: 1-7 (Water flows from the rock for thirsty people.)

Psalms 78 (#792 – God did marvelous things for our ancestors.)

Matthew 21: 23-27 (By what authority does Jesus act and teach?)

**ANTHEM:** "The Holy City"

**SERMON:** "**GOD IS THERE**"

**HYMN:** #657 "He Leadeth Me"

#### **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:**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**HYMN: #672** "Take Time to Be holy"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "What does the Lord Require Of You"

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**