

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
- Guest Choir:	Aurora Women's Choir
- Office Manager:	Nicole Ivey- Cross
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

January 31st, 2016

4th after Epiphany

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Prophetic voices borne of love call us to trust and practice God's ways, even when those ways conflict with our own. Such voices may be difficult to hear or raise when the setting is what and who we have known as home. Ministry on the edge comes in the challenge of discerning what will best serve God's way of love for all.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Magnificat" (Donald Kendrick - Congregation please be seated)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive - Taken from Psalm 19:1-2)

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God,

All: and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

One: Day to day pours forth speech,

All: and night to night declares knowledge.

One: We give thanks to God who has created all that we have.

All: And we sing praise to God who has created all that we are.

One: Come let us worship our God.

CONGREGATION SINGS: (sing twice)

I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
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Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Gracious God, we come before you this morning knowing that what you call us to be and want for us is sometimes at odds with what the world expects from us. Sometimes we feel on the edge between the world we live in and the world you call us to be a part of. Show us your way, O Holy One, that we may learn how to be about your ministry even as we live on the edge. Open our hearts to receive your word and your guidance for our lives.

HYMN: #372 "Though I May Speak"

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jeremiah 1: 4-10
Psalm 71 (#789 – Part 1)
Luke 4: 21-30

ANTHEM: "Beati Omnes" (Richard Ewer)

SERMON: "Ministry on the Edge"

HYMN: #282 "Long Before the Night"

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)

Holy and Living God, Doing your will, living out the ministry you put before us, can be scary. It is not just our tithes and offerings that you ask of us – you ask of us everything. In knowing that everything we are and everything we have comes from you, we realize that what you ask of us is really not about us but about you. Show us how to live out the ministry you have called us to do at all the edges of our lives so that we can be truly faithful to you. Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #589 “Lord, Speak to Me”

BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “Praise His Holy Name” (Keith Hampton-congregation please be seated)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

In loving memory of a dear Brother

Bobby Pelley

Love Jason, Tonya, Alex & Avery