

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
- Youth Program Coordinator:	Heather Cronhelm
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Jacqueline Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley

February 26th, 2017

Transfiguration Sunday

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! As Advent opened, so the Season after the Epiphany closes: on a holy mountain where God may be found. It is a place of sacred mystery, where shining and shadow convey a holy presence. It is a place of community across time, where God's people of past and present meet. It is a place of silence and witness, where visions are kept quiet and God says of Jesus, "Listen to him."

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "I Have Called You by Your Name" (MV161: v.1)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: We gather as the faithful of God. We come to listen to what God has to say to us.

All: **God has invited us to this place; may our faces reflect our hopes and our hearts.**

One: We gather as the faithful of God, people of the new covenant of hope and promise.

All: We boldly enter into the presence of God, hoping to be transformed into new people.

One: We gather as the faithful of God, our fears melting away in the heart of God.

All: We come to share in the freedom of the Spirit. We come to praise God's holy name.

One: Let us worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS:

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.*

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison)

Holy Spirit, sacred breath of God, may the clouds that cover our insight and wisdom blow away so we see again, as if for the first time, the realm of God shining in Jesus the Christ. May our eyes be open to seeing and our hearts be ready to listen to the ways and words of Wisdom in our day. Amen.

HYMN: #264 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN TO & RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Exodus 24: 12-18

Psalm 99 (#819 – VU – responsive)

Matthew 17: 1-9

ANTHEM: "When Pain of the World" (VU598)

SERMON:

HYMN: #459 "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY:

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)

Transforming God, you create us and re-create us always in your own image. You ask us to reveal you in the world through our acts of love, our sharing, our wisdom and our joy. Help us to be brave enough to trust that when we let you shine through us, we become more fully ourselves. We offer ourselves to you to be your light in our world: shine in us and through us, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #104 "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "I Am Walking A Path of Peace" (MV221)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

In loving memory of

Alex & Martha Butler & Jane Brown, age 11,

By Barbara