

# 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>Senior Choir</b>
- <b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Lynn Mercer</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>

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*June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

*6<sup>th</sup> After Pentecost/Beaumont -Hamel/ Canada Day*

## SERVICE NOTE

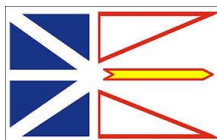
**WELCOME!** We are all called to ministry, and all have received gifts of God for that task. But sometimes we scratch our heads, or we are timid, or we are busy, and so we turn away. But that does not excuse us. In today's readings we learn of aspects of ministry and how we are equipped, and challenged, to participate. (Ecumenical prayer calendar: Bolivia, Chile, Peru.)

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

**THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:**

**"Ode To Newfoundland"**  
(Moment of Silence)



**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive – Seasons of the Spirit)

One: Holy One, in ancient days you called, and brave,  
frightened, ordinary people answered.

**All: They served you well.**

One: In recent days, new challenges emerged, and you called  
out, and brave, frightened, ordinary people answered.

**All: They served you well.**

One: In our days, we see challenges and problems on a new,  
different scale: complex webs of greed and inequality,  
prejudice and unfairness, waste and miserliness,  
ignorance.

**All: Could we be the brave, frightened, ordinary people you  
have called to serve you now?**

One: Let us worship God!

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** (sing twice)

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you,  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit  
yield,  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you!*

**WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:** (in unison – Seasons of the Spirit)

Moving, growing God, we greet you this day. For the places and  
the people in which we have glimpsed you, we give you thanks.  
Prepare us to see you again, to see you anew. Help us to meet  
you, follow you, serve you in all your many disguises. Help us to  
discern your artful, loving, giving, compelling presence. Amen.

**HYMN:** #226 "For The Beauty Of The Earth"

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14 (Elisha sees Elijah ascend into the heavens.)

Psalm 77: (#791 – VU – I cry to God in my distress.)

Luke 9: 51-62 (Foxes have holes, but the son of man has nowhere to lay  
his head.)

**ANTHEM:** "Blest Are They" by David Haas.

**SERMON:** "Ministers of God's Love"

**HYMN:** #560 "Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**OFFERTORY**

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,  
And some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.  
Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:  
Be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (in unison – Seasons of the Spirit)

Loving God, you offer us gifts beyond price: gifts of skills and time and love. We gratefully receive these and in turn offer back a portion.

Bless our offerings. May they go through this place and out into the world, to continue your work of peace, justice, and mercy. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #642 "Be Thou My Vision"

**COMMISSIONING:** (Seasons of the Spirit)

As it has been for others, now it is for you: take up your work. Go boldly into the world, and know that the God of our past, our present, and our future goes with you. Amen.

**BENEDICTION:**

**Singing of "O Canada" & "God Save The Queen"**

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**



