

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.”

- Ministers:	The Congregation
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley
- Congregational Designated Minister:	Steven Rogers
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Lynn Mercer
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

February 23rd, 2014
7th after Epiphany

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Holy Love, comfort us with the love that challenges our hearts. Steadfast Strength, firm up our foundations in the reassurance of the grace of Jesus Christ. Perfect Love, make perfect our understanding of the love that perfects us. Amen.

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

INTROIT: "God Reveal Your Presence" (VU #391)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Come, all who hunger for justice and thirst after righteousness.

All: We come in expectancy, hoping to be filled.

One: Come and feast on the bread of life and drink from the cup of blessing.

All: We come as we are, open and ready to be filled.

One: Come, let us worship God!

(Written by *Catherine Tovell*, Dundas Street Centre U.C., London, Ont. **Gathering**, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2013-2014, page 41. Used with permission.)

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: (responsive - Seasons of the Spirit)

God, whose spirit dwells within us, fill our space with your love that we may be holy and perfect in its presence. Amen.

HYMN: #442 "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" (vs. 1 and 2)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One: Let us celebrate the gift of grace given to us in the Sacrament of Baptism.

All: **There is one body and one spirit; we have one hope in Christ.**

One: There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

All: **Out of the waters of Baptism, we rise with new life, forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.**

INTRODUCTION & VOWS

One: Let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

All: **As a Baptized and Baptizing church, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.**

STATEMENT OF FAITH: The Creed (VU #918)

THE BAPTISM

HYMN: #442 "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" (vs. 3)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 119 VU #839 (Part Three) (Teach me, O God, your ways.)

1 Corinthians 3: 10-11 (You are God's temple.)

ANTHEM: "All That We Have" (Ron Klusmeier)

SERMON

HYMN: #331 "The Church's One Foundation"

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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOSPEL SING

HYMN: #296 "This Is God's Wondrous World"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Go Now In Peace" (VU #964)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE



TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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



In loving memory of

June Sturge

by Barbara Brown

In loving memory of

June Sturge

by niece Brenda Brown & husband Bob Helleur

In loving memory of

June Sturge

by Rex & Elaine Brown

In loving memory of

June Sturge

by Hilda Mercer

