

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

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*April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> of Easter*

## SERVICE NOTE

**WELCOME!** With Thomas we long to see for ourselves, that we may believe in Jesus the Christ. Thomas' story reminds us that people come to belief in different ways, that there is room for question and doubt. To disciples, then and now, Jesus gives peace, Spirit, forgiveness, faith, and power to witness. Fellowship and joy are marks of this believing community.

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

**INTROIT:**      Blest Be The Tie That Binds

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

One: Come! Bring your doubts, your hopes, your faith.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Come! Bring your questions, your wonderings, your misgivings.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Come! Bring your fear, your sorrow, your joy.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Come! Let us worship God!

### **CONGREGATION SINGS:** #412

**This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made,  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made.**

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

#### **OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison)

Come to us, O God. Open our locked doors and hearts. Dust us off, and make us new. Lead us, with all our questions and wonderings, into exciting mysteries of discipleship. We long to be your Easter people, to live and proclaim new life with all of our being. Amen

**HYMN:** #445 A Little Child the Saviour Came (verses 1 &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:** #445 A Little Child the Saviour Came (verses 3 & 4)

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

#### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

Acts 4: 32-35 (The believers shared everything they had, and no one was in need) Psalm 23: #749 (God is my shepherd)  
John 20: 19-31 (Jesus appears to the disciples - a special appearance by Thomas)

**ANTHEM:** The Family of God

**SERMON:** **"OPEN QUESTIONS"**

**HYMN:** #79 Arise, Your Light is Come

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

#### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**OFFERTORY:#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)

These, our gifts, are a sign of our confidence in the risen Christ. They are our testament to the belief that all are included in God's reign of justice and we send them unconditionally into the world to do good. Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN:** #402 We Are One

#### **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** He Is Lord

#### **MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

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**GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*Today we are pleased to welcome into membership of our  
Church family through The Sacrament of Baptism*

***Emily Mona Rose Johnson***

*daughter of Melanie & James Johnson of CBS, NL.*

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**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

*In loving memory of  
three gentle people*

***Emma Nurse, Phoebe E. Miller & Helen Burt***  
*from Barbara Brown*

*In loving memory of*

***Doug Osmond***  
*from Jean Anthony*

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