

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
- Choir:	Combined Choir
- Office Manager:	Lynn Mercer
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

February 1st, 2015

4th Epiphany /Communion

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME: It is never easy to escape the dominant cultural norms in which Christians find themselves. It was the embracing of cultural norms that led Christians to rationalize and justify slavery, the subordination of women, exclusion based on sexual orientation, and exploitation of Earth. These social norms are frequently difficult to recognize because they are simply a part of what everyone knows and accepts, especially those in positions of power and authority. This week's readings challenge these dominant cultural norms with a knowledge that can only come from God.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Gather Us In" (MV:7)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Here in the midst of God's people.

All: Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart!

One: God's wonderful deeds are well-known,

All: for God is gracious and merciful.

One: God is faithful and just in all things. God has set us free, and offers us an everlasting covenant.

All: Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart!

One: Come, let us worship the God of mercy, justice and love. Let us worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS:

Worship the Lord, worship the Lord,
Worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands, raising our hands
in devotion to God who is one!

Bringing the bread and the wine to the table,
asking that we may be led and enabled,
truly united to build new communities,
worship and work must be one!

Worship the Lord, worship the Lord,
Worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands, raising our hands
in devotion to God who is one!

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER:

God of deserving praise, you give us voices to witness, hands to extend in welcome and care, and hearts to love. May your calling grow deeper within as your Spirit equips and inspires us with power to love. Amen.

HYMN: #342 "You Servants of God"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 111 (#833 - The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom)

Mark 1: 21-28 (A man with an unclean spirit is healed in Capernaum.)

SERMON: "The Knowledge Of Love"

HYMN: #642 "Be Thou My Vision"

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:

We give in celebration of our one true and great God. May our wealth be a gift to God. May our successes be held up as honour to God. May our beauty be experienced in every gesture of love and kindness we ever share, and may our willingness to work a little harder be seen by God as our devotion to God's world and wisdom. Gracious God, bless these our offerings, we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM: "This Do In Remembrance Of Me"

GATHERING PRAYER:

CONFESSION: (in unison)

When we fear poverty, help us to trust in the power of community. When we fear rejection, help us to know our value and worth deep within us. When we fear hunger and thirst, help us to give thanks for the bread and

cup before us each day. When we fear solitude, help us to reach out in love to others in need. And when we fear our own pain and death, help us to reach out in our need for the sustenance of others. Forgive us our fears, help us return to the ways of your grace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS:

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP:

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (sung)

*(The Bread is broken & The Cup is lifted)
(Communion is shared)*

HYMN: #326 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “Bread For The Journey” (MV:202)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:



TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

*In loving memory of
darling granddaughter
Sydney Erin Baggs
from Nanny Baggs & Family*