

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:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Nicole Ivey- Cross
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

October 25th, 2015

22nd After Pentecost

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! We cry out to God: in joy and thanksgiving, in confusion, in desperation. Like Job, we may acknowledge God's goodness, strength, and wisdom. Other times, like Bartimaeus, we may call out for Christ's presence in our lives, to offer healing and new life. What happens next?

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary" (MV18)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: The rich and the poor the old and the young

All: Take heart! God is calling you.

One: The timid and the shy, the bold and the daring

All: Take heart! God is calling you.

One: From roadsides and alleyways, footpaths and freeways,

All: Take heart! God is calling you,

One: to open up eyes and redirect lives.

All: Take heart! God is calling!

One: Let us Worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS: (Sing Twice)

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)

Source of goodness we long to see your face and hear you call our name. We covet your grace and are eager to follow the way of Jesus. Meet us in our deepest needs and call us forth to journey with you and one another. Amen.

HYMN: #644 "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" (vs 1-3)

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: #644 "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" (vs 5-7)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Job 42: 1-6, 10-17 (Job acknowledges God's power;)

Mark 10: 46-52 (The healing of blind Bartimaeus)

ANTHEM: "When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides" (MV169)

SERMON:

HYMN: #626 "I Feel the Winds of God"

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: (in unison)

We know that you hear us, Gracious God, and that in your love you answer us. You call people to freedom, to justice, and to new life. Take these gifts we offer; use them and us to further your work in our world, that we might do what we can to encourage freedom, and justice, and new life. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #266 "Amazing Grace"

BENEDICTION: "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands" (MV173)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

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

Lauren Shirley Pamela Cartwright

daughter of James and Renee Cartwright of CBS

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Xavier Nicholas Stead

son of Justin and Nicole Stead of Manuels

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