

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

April 10th, 2016

3rd of Easter/Sacrament of Baptism

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Christ calls and restores disciples through times of dramatic turning and times of quiet unfolding. In the midst of uncertainty and risk, the risen Christ stands over and above all rival claims to allegiance. The Spirit shows the way forward, offers new vision, new sight and insights, and commissions individuals and communities to witness to the grace and love of God.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "We Have This Ministry" (VU510, vs.1)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive - Based on Psalm 30)

One: God has lifted us up and given us new life.

All: God has turned our mourning into dancing!

One: God has turned our sorrow into joy!

All: God's anger lasts for but a moment; God's favour lasts a lifetime.

One: God has turned our mourning into dancing!

All: God has turned our sorrow into joy!

One: Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.

All: God has turned our mourning into dancing!

One: God has turned our sorrow into joy! Come, let us worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS:

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came from heaven and I danced on earth;
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: *(Responsive)*

God of transformation, Christ, who was crucified, is risen. We come before you today and seek to be transformed. May the Holy Spirit move us to be a force for change in today's world. May your love renew us and help us be a part of the important work of restoration in our community. Amen.

**The Family of God
Liturgy**

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: #509 "I, the Lord of Seas & Sky"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 30 (#757 – VU)

John 21: 1-19

SERMON:

AHTHEM: "Just As I Am" (Franklin Ritter)

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)

God, you have the power to transform the most unlikely people into influential witnesses. We dedicate ourselves to being open to the movement of the Holy Spirit and moments where we might be agents of

healing and change in today's world. Use our gifts to show people your presence in their everyday lives. Help us be a means for encountering the risen Christ in a broken world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #341 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "You Servants of God" (VU342 – vs 3)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

In Memory of

Brent Cole

by the Topsail United Church Men's Club

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

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

Chloe Jean Lush

Daughter of Ian & Tracy Lush of Paradise, NL

Joseph Jake Puddicombe

Son of Stephen & Heather Puddicombe of CBS, NL

Sam Charles Puddicombe

Son of Stephen & Heather Puddicombe of CBS, NL

Jovanna Izabelle Squires

Daughter of Kenneth Squires & Judith Palaeo of Paradise, NL