

# 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>Mixed Choir</b>
- <b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Nicole Ivey- Cross</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>

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*January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

*3<sup>rd</sup> after Epiphany/Baptism*

## **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME!** In the gospel of Luke, Jesus' public ministry begins in a big way: not with teaching or calling disciples, but with a proclamation. Reading from the Torah, Jesus proclaims that the year of God's favour has finally arrived. Today is the day that the past will be left behind and all people will have a new beginning. This is the day the Spirit empowers us to live out Jubilee with boldness and trust.

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "Spirit of Life" (VU381)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive - Based on Psalm 19)

One: We joyfully gather to hear and reflect on God's word.

**All: God's word is sweeter than honey fresh from the honeycomb!**

One: God's law is perfect and God's commandments enlighten our eyes.

**All: God revives our souls and causes our hearts to rejoice!**

One: As we worship together, God will strengthen us.

**All: We know our rock and our redeemer is moving in this place!**

One: Let Us Worship God!

## CONGREGATION SINGS:

Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus,  
Everywhere, anywhere I will follow on.  
Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus,  
Anywhere he leads me I will follow on.

## WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

### OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Wonderful God, you have called each of us here this morning, and we have answered that call. Some of us have come joyfully; some of us have come bearing the burdens of grief, pain, or doubt. Some of us don't know why we have come at all. Wherever our hearts are this morning, we pray that we would encounter You in ways that will bring strength, direction, wisdom and comfort. Amen.

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

### WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (Ezra reads the Torah at the Water Gate)

Psalms 19 (#740 – The heavens declare the glory of God.)

Luke 4: 14-21 (“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.”)

**ANTHEM:** “Like A Healing Stream” (MV144)

**SERMON:** "Changing the Landscape"

**HYMN:** #217 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

**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)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #375 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

**BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “And On This Path” (MV 8, v.1)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

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

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***Catherine Renee McGrath***

*daughter of Anthony and Melissa McGrath*

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***Avery Pearl Rowsell***

*daughter of Ian and Andrea Rowsell*