

# 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>Organist:</b>	<b>Beth Cranston</b>
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- <b>Choir:</b>	<b>Male Choir</b>
- <b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Jacqui Kennedy</b>
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**May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Day of Pentecost/Sacrament of Baptism**

**SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME!** Throughout the Easter season, the readings have led us in an exploration of the acts of the Spirit in the early church. These faith ancestors responded to God's powerful presence in lives committed to mutual ministry and to showing up. Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate the breath and fire of the Spirit that lives and moves and acts among God's people.

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" (#479VU v.1)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive)

One: The Spirit is here! Like on-rushing wind.

**All: God's Spirit is here! Like bright, dancing flames.**

One: The Church is newborn and the Good News is heard.

**All: The children see signs. The elders dream dreams.**

One: The love that's in Jesus takes over the world.

**All: Sing praises to God! Sing praises to God!**

One: Let us worship God!

## CONGREGATION SINGS:

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the  
sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
And over the eons you called to each thing:  
Wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the  
sea

## WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

### OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

God of wind and fire, we experience you in an endless palette, a life-giving rainbow of hope and joy. When we, like the first disciples look at life around us and wonder where is hope, remind us of your presence, and infuse us with your spirit, that it might dance forever in our souls. 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:** #374 “Come and Find the Quiet Centre”

**WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Acts 2: 1-7, 12-14, 17

John 14: 8-17, 25-27

**SERMON:** “Blowing In The Wind”

**AHTHEM:** “Come, Holy spirit” (HFG #150)

**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 offer ourselves to you, O God, trusting you to take all that we have and are and use it to transform places of hurt, places of injustice, places of despair into places of hope, love, and celebration. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #333 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “Spirit, Now Live in Me” (HFG#151 – v. 2&4)

**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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**Ian Adam Parsons**

son of Kimberley and Adam Parsons

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

*In Memory of a beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather*

**Warrick Allen**

*love Don, Anne, Rebecca & Nicholas*

**&**

*In loving memory of*

**Warrick Allen**

*by Marie*