

# 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>Youth Program Coordinator:</b>	<b>Heather Cronhelm</b>
- <b>Organist:</b>	<b>Beth Cranston</b>
- <b>Choir Director:</b>	<b>Andrew Cranston</b>
- <b>Guest Choir:</b>	<b>Coastal Sounds</b>
- <b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Jacqueline Kennedy</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>
- <b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>

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*April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> of Easter/Baptism*

## **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME!** Renowned Jesus scholar John Dominic Crossan made a profound statement about this week's gospel reading. "Emmaus never happened," Crossan wrote. "Emmaus always happens." What we are invited to grapple with in that statement is the truth that the factual (historical) significance of the resurrection stories is secondary to a more profound truth: the risen Christ is with us. Now. Here. That is what the early church began to learn, and it is what enabled them to move on.

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

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "Holy, Holy Holy" (Schubert)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive)

One: Come and see: signs of the risen Christ are all around us!

**All: We come to worship God.**

One: Come and know: the presence of the risen Christ in this community!

**All: We come to worship God.**

One: Come and believe: the risen Christ is with us now and always.

**All: We come to worship God.**

## CONGREGATION SINGS:

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong.  
**Yes, Jesus me! Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**Yes, Jesus love me! The bible tells me so.**

## WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

### PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison)

We have heard the call, loving God, to come into your presence. We have heard the challenge to be baptized in the name of Christ and receive new life. We have heard the invitation to turn our lives toward loving and serving one another. Guide us and lead us, we pray. Amen.

**HYMN:** #450 "Here At This Font" (verses 1 & 2)

## 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:** #450 "Here At This Font" (verses 3 & 4)

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 24: 13-35

## ***COMMISSIONING OF STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN TEAM***

### AHTHEM:

“Pie Jesu” (Marcy Pyrtle)

Lord, Have mercy  
You who taketh away the sins of the world;  
Grant them peace

Lamb of God,  
You who taketh away the sins of the world;  
Grant them peace

### SERMON: “Followers of the Way”

### HYMN: #661 “Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### MINUTE FOR MISSION:

### OFFERTORY:

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)

What can we give back to you, O God, for all the good things you have done for us? We lift up the cup of salvation. We call on your name. We keep the promises we have made to be your people, proclaiming your goodness to all the world. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

### HYMN: #331 “The Church's One Foundation”

### COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” (Moses Hogan)

### 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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***Henry Alexander Oliver-Janes***

Son of April Oliver & Nicholas Janes

***Marly Josie Squires***

Daughter of Sherry & Mark Squires

***Eric Henry Snelgrove***

Son of April & Stephen Snelgrove

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

In celebration of the marriage of our son

***William Aaron Grandy and Ani Khoedaveijan***

at Bergen op Zoon, Netherlands on April 8, 2017

by Larry & Beverly

In loving memory of a beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather

***Lloyd King***

By Debbie, Bob & family