

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
- Youth Program Coordinator:	Heather Cronhelm
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Male Choir
- Office Manager:	Jacqueline Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley

June 11th, 2017

Trinity Sunday/Baptism

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Fr. Richard Rohr S.J., says that "we cannot not live in the presence of God." Trinity Sunday offers us the opportunity to reflect on this. It is a time when we can consider what faith looks like when we say we believe in a triune God – God creator, God redeemer, and God sustainer. Trinity Sunday is a time to look at the nature of God, our communion and living connection with God as being like a triquetra or Trinity knot, a form that has no discernible beginning or end.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Jesus Calls Us"

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: In the beginning, as the spirit hovered over the water; God was there.

All: **As light arose and shone throughout Earth then faded into the night; God was there.**

One: As the waters separated and land was formed; as plants emerged and animals were born; as Earth was filled with the colour and sound of living things; God was there.

All: As human beings evolved and learned to walk and sing and speak and dance and pray; God was there.

One: God was there, looking upon the goodness of creation with love, delighted and so pleased with it all. And God is still looking upon this creation with the same delight, with the same sense of pleasure. Let us worship God.

CONGREGATION SINGS: (sing 3 times – MV88)

Over my head, I hear Music in the air.

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Over my head, I hear Music in the air,

There must be a God somewhere.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison)

Creator God, with love Earth was brought into being. Together with all the creatures of Earth, we are thankful and sing your praise. Jesus, human son of God, with love you brought salvation to Earth. Together with all that lives and breathes on Earth, we are thankful. Spirit, who with loving breath brings comfort and guides us, we join with the whole of creation to raise our voice, in thanks and sing your praise. Amen.

HYMN: #291 “All things Bright and Beautiful” (v. 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: #291 “All things Bright and Beautiful” (v. 4-5)

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Genesis 1& 2 (Selected verses)

Matthew 28: 16-20

AHTHEM: “God, Our God, Your Glorious Name” (Psalm 8 – VU#730)

SERMON: “God is There”

HYMN: #296 “This is God’s Wondrous World

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY: (VU #958)

Halle, halle, hallelujah

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Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

We encounter you as God, creator, redeemer and peace-bringer, we are reassured that you are active within us, our community and the world, we are grateful for the gifts of your unceasing goodness and loving kindness, we are mindful of your eternal vigilance that calls us to act with justice, and thankful for the ways in which you work with us and within us to reconcile all things back into loving community. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER:

HYMN: #315 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go”

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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Penelope Grace Green

Daughter of Rebecca Sacrey & Evan Green

Olivia Joan Barnes

Daughter of Joanna & Jonathan Barnes

Grayson Elliott Noel

Son of Brandy & Mitchell Noel