

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:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Jacqueline Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley

Sunday, June 4th, 2017

Day of Pentecost/Confirmation/Holy Communion

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! The true leader of the community of faith is God. As followers of God we seek and follow God's leading in our own lives. Confirmation is that time of personal commitment to being in relationship with Jesus and neighbour. We celebrate with those being confirmed and pledge to share our faith together as we witness to God's love. Today is also the ending of our Stewardship Program "Salt & Light". Thank you for your continued support of the Life and Work of our Congregation. God Bless you all.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "This Little Light of Mine"

(Lighting of Christ Candle)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: How good it is to gather here and hear the word of God.

All: **How good it is that we can worship with one another.**

One: How good it is that we can bring the concerns of our lives and our world to God in the prayerful support of this community.

All: **So, let's share with one another the joys and celebrations we have experienced this week.**

One: Surely God rejoices with us. Let us worship God!

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

God who speaks, we want to hear you. Guide us in this time of worship to hear your voice. Speak to us in the songs, in the Word, in the laughter of children, and in the chatting with a new friend. Speak to us, God, your children are listening. Amen.

HYMN: #575 "I'm Gonna Live" (verses 1 & 2)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS: (read by Heather Cronhelm)

Matthew 25: 34-40 & Matthew 5: 13-16

OFFERTORY: (vu #958)

Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

Gracious God, we give thanks for the gifts you offer to us each and every day. At this time we offer to you our gifts of time, talent, and money, asking you to gather them up, bless them, and use them in your world. Let us be as "Salt and Light" bringing your new life to this world in acts of love and justice. Amen.

ANTHEM: "The Father of Us All" (John Ridgway Walker)

THE CONFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION: Doreen Cave (Chair - Worship & Sacraments)

At various stages of the faith journey which is life in Christ, we have opportunities to reaffirm and renew the faith proclaimed in our baptism. As we reaffirm the power of the Holy Spirit, those who have been baptized as children claim for themselves the faith of the Christian community in which they have been nurtured. Today we gather to celebrate the place of these persons in the family of God, and to give thanks for their gifts in the body of Christ, and to promise to continue to walk with them in the journey of faith. With joy and thanksgiving we celebrate the faith we all share, and rededicate ourselves to the life and work of the Body of Christ.

CANDIDATES PRESENTED FOR CONFIRMATION

Kalan Kenneth Goodwin Glasgow

Kaitlyn Victoria Grandy

MacKenzie Belle Michielsen

Natalie Joanna Moss

THE VOWS:

L: I ask you now these questions that you may publicly profess the faith proclaimed in your baptism.

In the presence of this community of faith, do you commit yourself to follow the way of Christ in your public and private life?

Answer: "I Do"

L: Do you profess your faith in one God: Creator, Christ and Spirit?

Answer: "I Do"

L: Will you support the life and work of Christ's church?

Answer: "I Will"

L: Will you try daily to respond to God's love, to do God's will, and fulfill your Christian calling and ministry in the world?

Answer: "I Will"

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS:

(presentation of bibles & certificates)

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE: (congregation please stand as you are able)

L: Let us pledge to these persons our continued support and care.

P: We will continue to support you and walk with you. With God's help we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

COMMISSIONING:

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

*John Coish
Loretta Coish
Denise Jacobs*

L: In the name of God, we welcome you to the worship and work of this congregation. We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

P: **As your brothers and sisters in the community of faith, we welcome you. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our friendship and our support. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

ALL: THE CREED (p. 918)

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN: #563 “Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

GATHERING PRAYER:

CONFESSION: (in unison)

God speaks in the circumstances of our lives. Hearing what is said can be difficult. Often what is said is subtle, sometimes we can't hear because we are inattentive, sometimes we block our ears, sometimes it comes in the voice of someone we do not regard. Let the Spirit come and open our ears to what will be significant for us to hear. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

LORD'S PRAYER: (sung #959)

*(The Bread is broken & The Cup is lifted)
(Communion is shared)*

HYMN: #509 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "We Have This Ministry"

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

In loving memory of a sister

Patricia Hapgood

By Linda Blackwood & family