

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."
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| - Ministers: | The Congregation |
| - Clergy: | Rev. Bruce Kearley |
| - Youth Program Coordinator: | Heather Cronhelm |
| - Youth Band Director: | Brett Vey |
| - Musical Ensemble: | Inspiration Band |
| | Courage Choir |
| - Office Manager: | Jacqui Kennedy |
| - Caretaker: | Roger Richards |

May 14th 2017

5th Sunday of Easter

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! We gather together today to celebrate Christian family Sunday. We ask God to bless our earthly families. On this Mother's Day we thank God for the special love shown by mothers. We are reminded that God calls us to be family to all humanity. God calls us today to love one another in word and in action. As people of God's family we are blessed in both giving and receiving. Let us worship God!

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

Lighting of the Christ Candle

(sing "This Little Light of Mine")

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: In the beginning, when it was very dark, God said,

All : "Let there be light!"

One: And the light was! God said,

All: "This is great!"

One: In the burning bush,
in the column of fire,
in the bright of the day,
in the sparkle of the night-

All: **the fires of creation have pointed us in the direction of God.**

One: With light in our eyes,
with the warmth on our faces,
with the love in our hearts-

One: **let us worship God!**

CONGREGATION SINGS: Come in and Sit Down #395

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: *(in unison)*

God Almighty, this day, you've given us a new commandment to love one another. Give us your strength and guidance to fulfill this commandment in our daily living. Amen.

Hymn: #585 "Jesus Bids us Shine"

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

CHILDREN'S TIME:

SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 12:41-44

Ministry of Music: Wind Beneath My Wings by Bette Midler
Presented by the Courage Choir and Inspiration Band

Reflection: "The Giver and the Gift"

Hymn: #316 "Praise our Maker VU"

OFFERTORY:

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away
Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more.
It's just like a magic penny, hold on tight and you won't have any.
Lend it spend it and you'll have so many- they'll roll all over the floor!
Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away
Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

God bless these gifts we give you. Give them something kind to do. May they help someone to love you. Father may we love you too. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

A Prayer for Homes and Families VU # 557

HYMN: "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families"

(Holy Manna Tune) VU #556

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION: (read responsively)

One: And now may the heart of God be wide open in our living;

All: the kindness of God show forth in all our relationships;

One: the beauty of God be seen in our countenance;

All: and the love for all creation be known in our passion for justice and peace,

One: this day and forevermore. Amen

Parts of the service have been taken from "gathering" United of Canada worship resource.

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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Harley Herbert Eli Vey

Son of Nikita Porter & Brandon Vey

Juliet Louise Ayazi

Daughter of Kim & Sherwin Ayazi