

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:	Brett Vey
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Jacqueline Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley

September 24th, 2017

16th After Pentecost/Baptism

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! What does it mean to become great? This week we are invited, as members of the church living in the world, to meditate on the difference between becoming exalted in the eyes of the world and becoming exalted in God's eyes. We are offered the opportunity to choose the path of those whose allegiance is to Jesus Christ alone.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Gather Us In" (MV#7)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: God breathed life into human beings made in God's image.

All: We remember. So let's give God the glory!

One: God called to a runaway shepherd, Moses, to lead God's people out of bondage.

All: We remember. So let's give God the glory!

One: God, like a pillar of clouds, led the people through the sea to freedom.

All: We remember. So let's give God the glory!

One: God caused a rock in the wilderness to flow like a river.

All: We remember. So let's give God the glory!

One: God gives us a way where there seems no way.

All: We remember. So let's give God the glory!

One: Let us worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS:

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison)

O God, your grandeur towers above the highest peaks; your strength can make them tremble and fall. Your love is deeper than the valleys of the oceans, and as encompassing as the water that covers the earth. In Christ Jesus you call us your children and through him your word is forever made known. Be with us now as in Christ's name we gather. Accept our praises as we confess Him Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

HYMN: "Bless This Infant" (William B. Petricko – see insert)

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: “Bless This Infant” (William B. Petricko – see back of bulletin)

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 19 (#740)

John 6: 41-51

AHTHEM: “Your Love Is Amazing” (MV#26)

SERMON:

HYMN: #326 “O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY: (VU #958)

Halle, halle, hallelujah

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Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Loving God, we present these gifts, pleased to be part of your mission and excited to share with those around us. May they speak to the world of your love in Jesus’ name. Amen. (Written by *Karen Boivin*, while at Orleans U.C., Orleans, Ont. *Gathering*, Summer/Autumn 2008, page 43. Used with permission)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER:

HYMN: #288 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “From this Place of Prayer” (Heidi Koschzwick)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

ORGAN 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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Isabelle Helen Negrijn

Daughter of Christopher & Amy Negrijn

Today's bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God and donated

In loving memory of father,

Jack Miller

By Joan and Roland Regular

Bless This Infant

Verse before Baptism:

Gentle Jesus, bless these infants, keep them in your tender care.

Bless the parents who have brought them, holding them in arms of prayer.

You who welcomed little children, turned no helpless soul away.

We have brought these children to you, send your spirit here today.

Verse after Baptism:

May this congregation always model love and righteousness.

May they grow in Christian beauty, live in peace and happiness.

Though the future is uncertain, we but trust your promise true.

Step by step each new tomorrow comes with grace to guide them through.