

"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

April 22nd, 2018

4th after Easter

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME: The biblical image of shepherd – used to describe both God and Jesus – is one of steadfast love and faithfulness. The scriptures enable us to imagine God's ultimate care for humankind through the essential qualities of a good shepherd: caring, rescuing, feeding, protecting, and guiding. Such love enfolds us as we journey as disciples of the Risen One

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Are You a Shepherd" (MV #126, v.1)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: Listen! The one who knows you is calling you by name, inviting you to be enfolded into community.

All: We will follow the voice of love.

One: You will find here refreshment for your body and soul and space to rest your weary bones.

All: We will follow the voice of love.

One: A table of community is set for you, and the enemies around and within and all are welcome.

All: We will follow the voice of love.

One: Come, let us worship.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell,
For I know what-e're befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.
(VU #635 - verse 1)

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Loving Shepherd, through the gift of this gathered community may we know your attentive care, abundant beauty, and the power of reconciliation. Guide us, protect us, feed us, renew us, love us. Amen.

HYMN: #450 "Here at the 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:

Psalm 23 (#749 – VU – responsive)
John 10: 11-18

ANTHEM: "Called by Earth and Sky" (MV #135)

SERMON: "The Shepherd's Care"

HYMN: #657 "He Leadeth Me"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY: "The Church is Wherever God's People" (VU #579)

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. May love be known by this. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #325 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "And On this Path"

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

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

In loving memory of
Michelle Goulding Barron
love mom, Elsie Goulding & family

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Today we are pleased to welcome into membership of our church family through the Sacrament of Baptism

Harley J. Isaac Bungay
Son of Scott Bungay & Dawn Hewlett

Stella Marlane Rumbolt
Daughter of Richard & Teena Rumbolt

