

# 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."

- <b>Ministers:</b>	<b>The Congregation</b>
- <b>Youth Program Coordinator</b>	<b>Brett Vey</b>
- <b>Organist:</b>	<b>Beth Cranston</b>
- <b>Choir Director:</b>	<b>Andrew Cranston</b>
- <b>Choir:</b>	<b>Male Choir</b>
- <b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Jacqui Kennedy</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>
- <b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>

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*January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*2<sup>nd</sup> after Epiphany*

## **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME:** God calls us, often in unexpected ways. In today's readings, people are called. How will they hear the call? How will they respond? How will they live out the call?

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "Where He Leads Me" (HFG607)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive)

One: God calls us from wherever we live and work and play.

**All: Here we are, Lord!**

One: God shares with us love, grace and forgiveness.

**All: Here we are, Lord!**

One: Welcome to the worship of God!

**All: Here we are, Lord! Thanks be to our God!**

One: Let us worship God!

(Written by **George Allan**, Chatham, Ont., Advent, Christmas, Epiphany 2017-2918, **Gathering**, p.40. Used with permission)

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** (V1 - #567 – VU)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let me life be grown in you and you in me?

**WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:**

**OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison)

God-who-calls-us: It doesn't matter how far we go to run from you, you reach out and touch us with healing in your hands, and turn us around so we can follow you. God-who-invites-us-to-follow: you remove our fears with your compassion, you take away our doubts with complete acceptance of who we are. God-who-speaks-to-us: you whisper to us until our ears tingle with anticipation and we listen with eager hope. Amen!

**HYMN:** #371 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” (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:** #371 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” (verse 3)

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Psalms 139: (#861 – VU – Responsive)

John 1: 43-51

**AHTHEM:** “God Lead Us Along” (HFG 597)

**SERMON:**

**HYMN:** #589 “Lord, Speak to Me”

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**OFFERTORY:** (VU #958)

Halle, halle, hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (in unison)

You gift us with blessings beyond abundance, and then make one simple request, gracious God – that we use them to answer the calls of those who are hungry, who are lonely, who are struggling, and who long to know that at the end you are with them. Hear our prayer, as we offer our gifts in this moment. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #506 “Take My Life and Let it Be”

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “Send Me Lord” (VU 572)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

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

**Lucy Claire Willar**

daughter of Jan Rumbolt & Devon Willar