

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

"The Church by the Side of the Road"

Fully accessible for people with physical disabilities

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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

June 24th, 2018

5th after Pentecost/Sacrament of Holy Baptism

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME: During Pentecost, we learn of God's deep desire for God's people to spread the good news. We are called to be agents of God; to speak out against injustice and proclaim God's message of love and peace. Scripture helps us see how his faith enabled us to stand in God's strength and be an agent for God.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: Open Hour Hearts (MV #21)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: God is a stronghold for the oppressed.

All: Hold on.

One: God is a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: Hold on.

One: We put our trust in God. Let us worship.

CONGREGATION SINGS: Will You Come and Follow Me (VU #567 v.1)

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 my life be grown
in you and you in me?

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

In times of uncertainty, we can feel powerless. May we choose our responses wisely. May we equip ourselves with knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, and truthful speech. May we be wide open to your possibilities. O God embolden us to open our hearts as we worship together and sing your praises, and as we live together reflecting your love widely and deeply. Amen.

HYMN: "Bless this Infant" (William B. Petricko)

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, sent your spirit here today.

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

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.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

1 Kings 19: 11-13

Mark 4: 35-41

ANTHEM: The Water is Wide (Gilbert M. Martin)

SERMON:

HYMN: "Be Still, My Soul" (VU #652)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

Loving God, our experiences prepare us for the next step and give us gifts and abilities to share. Take what we bring today that it may be used to demonstrate your care for those who are needy, poor, or oppressed. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: "Come, We That Love the Lord" (VU #715)

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" (MV #30)

MUSICAL 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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Lily Jane Gillard

Daughter of Maria & Samuel Gillard

Gordon Thomas Harvey

Son of Jennifer Lawlor & Gordon Harvey

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who expressed best wishes at our
50th wedding anniversary celebration. You made our day even more
special.

from ***Allan & Linda Parsons***