

## 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."

- <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>Jacqueline Kennedy</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>
- <b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>

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*May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*Day of Pentecost*

### SERVICE NOTE

**WELCOME:** While this might be the final Sunday in this particular season, the day of Pentecost is only the beginning. This is the day the church comes alive with the "rush of a violent wind," with preaching and prophecies, with people from all nations hearing and understanding the good news. This new community is on fire for Jesus. Today, we grasp the gospel torch trusting the Spirit to lead our church to new life.

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

### THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

**INTROIT:** "Spirit of the Living God" (VU #376 v.1)

### CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: Something was happening! The whole church was in one place, all together. There was a rush of wind.

**All: There was fire coming down from the sky!**

One: Each voice spoke another language.

**All: We all understood each other!**

One: What was happening?

**All: The church was born!**

One: The Holy Spirit was given.

**All: The church came alive in love!**

One: Come, let us worship God.

**CONGREGATION SINGS:**

She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun:

On a journey just begun, she flies on. And in the passage of her flight,  
Her song rings out through the night, Full of laughter, full of light, she flies  
on.

(VU #380 v.1)

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison)

God of rushing wind and chaos, we celebrate the gift of your Holy Spirit today. We welcome the birth of your church. From a small household to today's global village, we celebrate your church. May we be mindful today of the ways your winds of change blow through us all. May we be inspired by your spirit to hear you and to follow you. Amen.

**HYMN:** #625 "I Feel the Winds Of God Today"

**TALK TIME:**

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Acts 2: 1-7, 12-14, 17

Psalms 104 (#826 – Part 1)

John 15: (selected verses)

**ANTHEM:** "Me and Jesus" (Tom T. Hall)

**SERMON:** "Something New"

**HYMN:** #514 "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

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

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (in unison)

It is through your love that the church came to life, almighty God, and it is through your love that we are called to give. Take these gifts that reflect our devotion to you and bless them for your service. May your Pentecost spirit inspire us as we use them. May we sense the spirit calling us to something new as we serve you. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #220 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" (VU#635 v.1)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**