

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."
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| - Ministers: | The Congregation |
| - Clergy: | Rev. Bruce Kearley |
| - Youth Program Coordinator | |
| - and Band Director: | Brett Very |
| - Youth Band & Choir: | Courage & Inspiration |
| - Sound: | Stephen Stone |
| - Office Manager: | Jacqui Kennedy |
| - Caretaker: | Roger Richards |
| - Greeters: | |
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October 21st, 2018 World Food Day Sunday

Welcome:

Welcome today as we gather to celebrate World Food. We come together as one community to praise God as well as reflect on ways that we can serve and love others. In a world where there is such an abundance of food, we pray that no one should go hungry.

We Gather as God's People

The Musical Prelude:

- Selected works - Inspiration
- Twinkle Little Star - Courage

Call To Worship lead by Erica Wilson and Travis Gullage:

One: The Banquet is prepared: Love is seated with justice; Peace awaits with hope.

All: **Fill us with good things, Holy One, that we may live for your way.**

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Congregation Sings:

Hymn #460 - "All Who Hunger"

Words of Welcome & Congregational Life & Work:

Prayer of Approach lead by Naomi & Samuel Bungay: (In unison)

Loving God, in the stories and prayers of scripture, we hear the longing of our ancestors for a world of Justice, a world where those in poverty are fed, where strangers are welcomed. Your people hunger and thirst for righteousness, for the simple kindness that honours all people, for your guidance and healing and wisdom. You satisfy our hunger with moments of awareness in our daily life: meeting us at the table where we are fed, meeting us in the hand that is reaching out, meeting us as we dedicate our offering to you. Great Spirit, remind us that you have chosen us to feed those in poverty, to care for those bereaved, to welcome strangers and refugees. Feed us with your stories this day. Amen.

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Congregation Sings:

"Standing In The Need Of Prayer" (Chorus and response section only) - Courage (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

Talk Time:

Led by Inspiration

We Listen To God's Word

Scripture Readings:

- Psalm 65 (VU pp. 782-783, Responsive ----- Sera Tulk
- John 6:1-13 ----- Karlee Grandy

Ministry of Music:

“Bread and Fishes” ----- Courage and Inspiration

Reflection:

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #600 - “When I Needed A Neighbor”

Minute For Mission:

Offering:

“O Perfect Love” performed by Rachael Moores

Congregation Sings:

*Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away
Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more.
It's just like a magic penny, hold on tight and you won't have any.
Lend it spend it and you'll have so many- they'll roll all over the floor!
Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away
Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more.*

Offertory Prayer: Responsive

One: We remember with thanks all the works of your hand, Holy One.

All: **We remember with thanks all the works of others: those who grow our food and those of us that grow food, those who work for peace and justice in the world, those who teach and organize, heal and lead.**

One: Accept these gifts, and us, for the work of your realm,

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, our partner, guide and friend.**

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn:

Hymn #39 (Songs of the Gospel) - "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"

Commissioning and Benediction:

Musical Postlude:

Selected instrumental work

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

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

Jaxyn John Joseph Brennan
son of Allison & Justin Brennan