

# 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 Very</b>
- <b>Organist:</b>	<b>Beth Cranston</b>
- <b>Choir Director:</b>	<b>Andrew Cranston</b>
- <b>Choir:</b>	<b>Men's 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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**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**  
*18<sup>th</sup> After Pentecost/Baptism*

## SERVICE NOTE

**WELCOME!** As we reflect on our relationship with creation, we recall our biblical understanding of an ancient worldview. The unique perspective of our spiritual ancestors can deepen our modern reading of the Bible and our sense of interdependence with Creation.

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

**INTROIT:** "Come To My Heart" (VU #661-v.1)

### CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: People of God, how good and pleasant it is that we have come as kin together.

**All: Here we remember our Creator,**

One: the lover and maker of all, who called Earth and all its creatures into being.

**All: Here we are embraced in the loving hospitality of God.**

One: Who knows us as beloved, and holds us in kindness and care all the days of our lives.

**All: Here we meet Christ risen,**

One: We remember we are baptized into the way of compassion, and open our hearts and minds to the Spirit of grace.

**All: Here we remember we are family,**

One: sisters and brothers on a journey of faith. Let us worship God!

### CONGREGATION SINGS: (#820 VU)

Make a joyful noise all the earth!  
Worship your God with gladness.  
Make a joyful noise all the earth.  
Come to this place with a song!

(Words, Music: Linnea Good © 1992 Borealis Music. Arrangement: © 1994 David Kai.)

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

#### PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison)

We are glad to come into this time of worship, to step out of the place of the everyday and into the place where ordinary things become extraordinary, out of ordinary time and into the time where things can be made anew. Amen.

#### HYMN: "Bless this Infant" (verse 1 – see insert – 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**

**HYMN:** "Bless this Infant" (verse 2 – see insert William B. Petricko)

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 & RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

#### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

Psalm 23 (#749 – VU)

Luke 12: 26-28

**ANTHEM:** "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" (Songs of the Gospel p.21, arr. Chas. H. Gabriel)

#### **SERMON:**

**HYMN:** VU #635 "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

#### **MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

#### **OFFERTORY:** (#537 – VU)

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,  
And some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.  
Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:  
Be pleased to use it as your own, as ask for Jesus' sake.  
(Words: Calvin Weiss Laufer 1927. Music: Neil Dougall ca. 1831)

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (In Unison)

Giver of life, just as were our ancestors, we are but sojourners living on Earth for a while. May our gifts contribute to the flourishing of your creation and your larger vision for life and wholeness, for this generation and for those to come. Amen.

**HYMN:** VU#580 "Faith of Our Fathers"

#### **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** VU#649 "Walk With Me"

#### **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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***Stella Claire Senior***

daughter of Jeffrey Senior & Alicia O'Leary

***Levi Roydon Wylie Butler***

son of Lyndon Butler & Sarah Power

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

In loving memory of

***Maggie Whiteway***

from Coffee Group