

# 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>Mixed 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 30th, 2018**

*19<sup>th</sup>, After Pentecost/Baptism*

## **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME!** The Season after Pentecost is also known as Ordinary Time. The scriptures for this week, however, are not at all about being ordinary; they are about being different and being clear about following in God's ways. A way that shows how an ordinary gesture of giving and receiving a cup of water can honour Christ and help faith grow.

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

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

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

**INTROIT:** God Our Protector (MV #119)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive)

One: Blessed be our God,

**All: our help in times of trouble.**

One: Blessed be our God,

**All: our guide along the way.**

One: Blessed be our God,

**All: our help and our guide.**

One: Come, let us worship!

**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)

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

Because of your grace, we are. Because of your love, we act. Because of your spirit, we pray. Because of your gospel, we live. Because of your presence, we worship. If it had not been for you, Creator God, we would not be. So it was, so it is, so it will be, for now and forever. 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 36 (#762 – VU)

Mark 9: 38-41

**ANTHEM:** "God, Help Us to Treasure" (MV #147)

**SERMON:**

**HYMN:** VU#644 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**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)

Bless these gifts to your service, God. May they act as salt, preserving what you love and bringing out your flavours. Amen.

**HYMN:** VU#653 "Come Let Us to the God Love"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** May God's Sheltering Wings (MV #214)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

(Resource used in preparation of worship: "Seasons of the Spirit")

**GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

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

***Layla Noelle Stone***

daughter of Jenna & Christopher Stone

***Kane Bramwell Max Drodge***

son of Jenelle & Brant Drodge

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

In loving memory of father

***Jack Miller***

from Joan & Roland