

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 |
| • Youth Program Coordinator: | Brett Vey |
| • Organist: | Beth Cranston |
| • Choir Director: | Andrew Cranston |
| • Choir: | Mixed Choir |
| • Office Manager: | Jacqueline Kennedy |
| • Caretaker: | Roger Richards |
| • Guest Clergy: | Rev. Scott Parsons |

April 7th, 2019

5th Sunday of Lent & Sacrament of Holy Baptism

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! In the reading from the Gospel of John, Mary anoints Jesus' feet with perfume that is normally used for people in preparation for their burial. The symbol of Mary's action points us to Jesus' death on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Devotion to Jesus means we find life in the face of whatever challenges we encounter in life.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: To the Desert Jesus Came (VU #113 v.4)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (adapted from: www.faithandworship.com)

One: As your beloved people of God we gather here this day.

All: **We offer you our prayers, our praise, our lives in service to you and to the world.**

One: We have Jesus, your Son, as our example of selfless love and limitless grace.

All: **In our worship, transform us, O God, to be bearers of your love and grace to the world.**

CONGREGATION SINGS: This is God's Wondrous World (VU# 296)

This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is God's wondrous world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand the wonders wrought.

(Words: Malthie Davenport Babcock 1901. Music: English traditional melody, adapted by Franklin L. Sheppard, adapted by Stanley Oliver.)

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

“A Journey with Jesus – Lenten Candle Liturgy”

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison) adapted from: www.faithandworship.com)

Holy God,

Your light is the only light we need as we travel through life's mysteries.

Your word is that still small voice that leads us.

Your presence is the only company we need as we walk this road of faith.

Your fellowship is the warmth we crave to help us on our way. 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, send 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:

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Psalms 126 (VU 850)

John 12: 1-8

ANTHEM: Said Judas to Mary (VU #129)

SERMON:

HYMN: #642 Be Thou My Vision

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY:

*What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord
require of you?*

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

*To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with
your God!*

(VU #701 Words, Music: Jim Stratheer © 1986 Desert Flower Music. Used by permission.)

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Generous God, accept these gifts we bring to support the ministries of this congregation. May these gifts and our actions, like Mary’s, be symbols of our devotion to you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER:

HYMN: #713 I See A New Heaven

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New
(MV #115)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

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

Remi Beverley Mugford
daughter of Philip & Tannis Mugford

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

In loving memory of a husband, father & grandfather
George Baggs
from the family