

## 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."
- **Ministers:** **The Congregation**
- **Choir Director:** **Andrew Cranston**
- **Organist:** **Beth Cranston**
- **Office Manager:** **Jacqueline Kennedy**
- **Caretaker:** **Roger Richards**
- **Guest Clergy:** **Rev. Lisa Potter &**
- **Larry Grandy**

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## WE GATHER AS GOD@S PEOPLE

### THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

**INTROIT:** Let Us Build a House (MV #1 v.4)

### WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND WORK

#### CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: God of the heavens and earth, with joy we praise you

**All: We thank you and honour you.**

One: Because you have made us like yourself, made us to be creative in your world,

**All: We praise you.**

One: Because you have freed us through Jesus, freed to be the people of light and love,

**All: We thank you.**

One: Because your spirit is present in us, present to guide and renew,

**All: We honour you.**

One: God of the heavens and the earth, with joy we praise you,

**All: We thank you, we honour you for ever. Amen.**

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** Spirit of Life (VU# 381)

**PRAYER OF APPROACH: (in unison)**

God of the Way, you are the road we travel, and the sign we follow. You are the bread for the journey, and the wine of arrival. Guide us as we follow in your way, holding on to each other, reaching out to your beloved world. And when we stray, seek us out and find us, set our feet on the path again, and lead us safely home. In the name of Jesus, our Companion, we pray. Amen.

**HYMN :** Will You Come and Follow Me (VU #567)

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

**SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR  
LINCOLN JACOB CHIASSON  
NOAH JAMES LEVI JOHNSON  
and ABIGAIL MARY BISHOP**

**PRAYER**

Like life itself, faith is a journey, a pilgrimage whose purpose is a constant walk with God. When we participate in the baptism of children we recall our own launching on that journey, we look again at our pilgrimage experience, and renew our commitment to the faith. Let us prepare ourselves for this significant event.

**MINISTER:** Family and friends we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace that is given to us in the sacrament of baptism.

**CONGREGATION:** We are one body and one Spirit with one hope in God's call to us. Out of the water of baptism we rise with new life, one with Christ and all members of Christ's body.

**PRESENTATION OF THE CHILDREN**

**PARENTS:** We present our child for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism.

**MINISTER TO THE PARENTS:** Do you desire to have your child baptized?

**PARENTS:** We do by the grace of God.

**MINISTER TO THE PARENTS:** Will you accept the responsibility of acting and speaking on your child's behalf? Will you endeavour to show your child the Christian Life and to grow with him in faith?

**PARENTS:** We will, God being our helper.

**MINISTER TO THE PARENTS:** I ask you before God and this Congregation, do you profess your faith in God your Creator, in Jesus Christ your Saviour, and in the Holy Spirit your Guide?

**PARENTS:** We do.

### **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONGREGATION**

(congregation please stand)

**MINISTER TO THE CONGREGATION:** Beloved in Christ, do you receive this child in Christ's name, promising to support him with constant love, wholesome example, Christian teaching and faithful prayer?

**CONGREGATION:** We are willing, God being our helper.

### **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

**MINISTER:** Eternal and .....now and forever. Amen.

**CONGREGATION:** Now to God be given all glory, praise, honour and might. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

(congregation please be seated)

### **ACTION OF BAPTISM**

**MINISTER:** I baptize you in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**MINISTER:** With the sign of the cross you are marked as Christ's forever.

**MINISTER:** The power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and spirit, you may be a witness of Christ.

### **PRESENTATION OF THE LIGHT**

Please accept on behalf of this child this candle which symbolizes the light of Christ, and the baptism Certificate.

**BLESSING:** May the light and the love of Christ be with you and especially these children as we welcome **them** into the household of God.

**BAPTISM HYMN:** "Jesus Loves Me" (#365 VU)

**SCRIPTURE READING:** O.T. Psalm 119; 1 – 8, The Law of the Lord  
N.T. Luke 6: 27 – 36, Love for Enemies

**ANTHEM:**

**MEDITATION:** “The Compassionate Heart”

**OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY:**

**Grant us God, the grace of giving  
With a spirit large and free,  
That ourselves and all our living  
We may offer faithfully**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER: (In unison )**

These gifts we bring, O God, are symbols of our devotion to you. Accept them and use them for your glory. Create in our hearts a sacred space from which we may live and give generously, for we pray that your will may be done through the witness of our living. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** Take My Life and Let it Be (VU#506)

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** Be Thou My Vision (VU #642 v.1)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**