

JANUARY 9, 2022

1ST AFTER EPIPHANY

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING TIME

INTROIT: #25 (MV) O God, Send out Your Spirit

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CALL TO WORSHIP:

HYMN: #222 Come, Let Us Sing

OPENING PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

ACT OF PRAISE: #958 Halle, Halle, Halle

THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (unison)

Mighty God, fill us with the blessings of new life in you. Open our hearts and minds to receive your bountiful Spirit as our companion, directing our steps as we move into the world as witnesses to Christ's power of love. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 29, VU#756

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:15-17,21-22

REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN: #644 I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

SUNG OFFERTORY: #506 Take My Life (vs. 1 & 5)

*Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)

You call us beloved, O God, and we respond by giving you our gifts and our lives. May our gifts be made holy as you have made us holy with the waters of our Baptism. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

REAFFIRMING OUR BAPTISM

REAFFIRMING OUR FAITH: *(A Creed Inspired by Biblical Baptism Narratives – by Bruce Pewer)*

I believe in God who speaks through the prophets and lifts our gaze up to high and beautiful paths and peaks.

I believe in Christ Jesus, free of corruption yet willingly numbered among the sinners, baptised in the waters of the Jordan.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who rested on Jesus like a dove, and who inspired him with such love as the world has not seen before or since.

I believe that those who are baptized into Christ shall share his Spirit, his mission and his ultimate victory over sin and death.

I believe that there is no human ability that cannot be enlarged, and no weakness that cannot be used by Christ to the praise of God.

I believe that this believing is a gift from God, not to be used for self-gratification but for the building up of the church and for humble service to the world.

I believe in myself as a baptized child of God, the recipient of a healing grace which precedes and supersedes all my efforts to be true.

**With the help of God, I will attempt to live my belief all the days of my life, and by his grace, dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Amen!**

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #660 How Firm a Foundation

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

CHORAL BLESSING: #25 (MV) O God, Send out Your Spirit

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To the glory of God, we graciously acknowledge the following donations in support of our church:

In loving memory of Olga Barnes from Lorraine & Keith O'Neill, Paul Withers, Lee-Ann Montgomery and Allan & Linda Parsons.

LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

FROM THE OFFICE

2022 envelopes are now available for pick up by contacting the church office via phone or email to make an appointment for pick up.

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH IS HIRING!

Topsail United Church is seeking applications for the position of Part-time Office Administrator for Monday to Friday, 9am to 12pm (15 hours per week)

Duties include daily office management, some bookkeeping (in conjunction with church bookkeeper), reception, phone enquiries, worship bulletin preparation, Minister's schedule, church records, church calendar, church rentals, communication with congregation (via mail and social media) and other related duties as required.

Enquiries can be directed to Ministry.Personnel@topsailunited.ca or to 709-325-5754.

DONATE YOUR RECYCLING & SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

Topsail United Church has an account at the CBS recycling depot. All proceeds go to our youth programs. Just label your bags "TUC 834-4567" and drop them off! Labels are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support!

SOUND SYSTEM FOR THOSE WITH HEARING LOSS

We are pleased offer a FM transmitter system in the sanctuary for those who experience hearing loss. Please ask an usher about this service. Thank you to the Hard of Hearing Association of Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador for partnering with us!

THE HEALING FUND OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

We have been shocked and saddened by the discovery of the remains of children at the sites of former Indian Residential Schools. Many people across our denomination have been wondering what we can do. First of all we can pray for healing and justice for those most affected and allow them to grieve. We can read and educate ourselves more about the residential school experience across Canada, including Newfoundland and Labrador.

We can also donate to the Healing Fund, this is a fund of our United Church established in 1994 to support healing initiatives for survivors of the Residential School System and its ongoing intergenerational impacts. To give please visit the Healing Fund Website

www.united-church.ca

GIVE THROUGH PRE AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE (PAR)

During these times, we would encourage members of the congregation to consider making monthly givings through PAR. It is an easy and contact free way to support your church. Envelopes are still available for special occasions and givings.

Contact the office at 834-4567 or office@topsailunited.ca to set up your pre authorized givings. It is quick, easy and worry free!

**If you or someone you know, would like to hear from Reverend Kathy,
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