

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

"The Church by the Side of the Road"

Fully Accessible; Scent-Free Environment

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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.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SEASON OF CREATION

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PRAISING PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING TIME

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is life!

God created us! Live life in abundance.

God gave us Jesus, our guide, our light in the shadows, who accepts us just as we are.

Through him we find our purpose and place.

The Holy Spirit unites us as a family.

We all have our own differences yet we are one.

We celebrate today with prayer, song and sacrament the love of God, the welcome of Christ and the Unity of the Holy Spirit!

OPENING PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

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)

God, you have gifted us with one and other and with a variety of relationships, help us to hear your word now, so that we can be better equipped to strengthen our connection to you and with one another. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 1, VU#724

Response: Blessed are those who follow the law of God.

Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked,
or linger in the way of sinners,
Or sit down among those who mock.

But their delight is in the law of God,

And on that law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted beside a stream of water,
Yielding their fruit in due season.

Their leaves do not wither,

And whatever they produce shall prosper. R

As for the wicked, it is not so with them,

But they are like the chaff,

Driven away by the wind.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand

When judgement comes,

Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For God watches over the way of the righteous,

But they way of the wicked will perish. R

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:30-37

REFLECTION

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

HYMN: #450 Here at this Font

Here at this font, source of all life,
We bring a child for you to bless.
Met in our worship may we know
The gospel's way of happiness.

Pour out this water, fresh and clear.
Make it a sign of life and love.
Now, as at Jordan long ago,
Show your approval, Holy Dove.

Embrace this child with gentle arms,
As on that day in Galilee you called the young,
And showed to all the power of humility.

Guide church and parents in our task
To teach each child to walk your way.
May Christ's commandments be obeyed
In all we think or do or say.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

LETTER FROM THE FAMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES OF PARENTS

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILIES

CONGREGATIONAL VOWS OF SUPPORT

Let us pledge our support and care.

**Dylan, as a baptized and baptizing people, 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 and live our
commitment to this promise. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: #918 A New Creed

We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to

celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

POURING OF THE WATER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ACT OF BAPTISM:

MARKING WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME:

Dylan, into the household of faith we welcome you with joy and thanksgivings.

Dylan, we welcome you as members of God's family.

We welcome you with love that you may know Christ's love.

We welcome you with joy that you may learn of Christ's joy.

We welcome you by name that you may know who you are.

We welcome you in Christ's name that you may know whose you are.

You are a part of our family and will always find a welcome place here.

PRESENTATIONS: Candle and Certificate

ACT OF PRAISE: #958 Halle, Halle, Halle

Halle, halle, halle-lujah, Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #595 We are Pilgrims on a Journey

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travelers on the road,

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you,

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christlight for you in the nighttime of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

*Today, we are pleased to welcome **Dylan George Coles** into our church family. We extend a warm welcome to all of Dylan's family and friends who are celebrating his baptism with us today both in person and online. May God bless you as you help Dylan grow in love and faith.*

"SNACK" TO SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE

Topsail United Church is collecting PEANUT FREE snack items to help families get ready for the upcoming school year. For the month of September, please bring donations to worship or drop at the church office during the week in support of the CBS/Paradise Food Bank. Some suggested items are:

- Nut-free granola bars
- Fruit cups or squeezable fruit
- Juice boxes
- Crackers (Goldfish, Ritz, etc)
- Cookies (Bear Paws, Rice Krispie squares, etc)

ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 26

Members of the congregation are asked to wear orange to worship Sunday, Sept. 26 in observance of Orange Shirt Day on September 30. The service that day will be a Family Service.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Fall "Harvest Festival" Auction will go ahead as usual in October. We will be looking for donations of new items, business certificates, preserves, baked goods, etc. Contact and further information to follow.

NEW SOUND SYSTEM FOR THOSE WITH HEARING LOSS!

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

SIDING FUND UPDATE

We are only \$205 away from reaching our goal of \$4200 to cover the cost of the damage to our church siding this past winter. ***Thanks to your efforts, we have raised \$3695 towards these unexpected repairs.*** Please consider making a special one-time donation to help us meet our goal. Donations can be sent via ETransfer through your personal online banking to office@topsailunited.ca Thank you in advance for your support.

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 [Donate Now | The United Church of Canada](#)

Give Through Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR)

Before the summer months, 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, please contact the church office - Telephone: 834-4567 or 771-9779(cell) Email: revkathy@topsailunited.ca