

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 5, 2021

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING TIME

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)

O 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 planet home. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 19, VU#740

Refrain: Glory and praise to God whose word brings life!

The heavens declare the glory of God;

And the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.

One day speaks to another,

And night shares its knowledge with night,

And this without speech or language;

Their voices are not heard.

But their sound goes out to all the lands,

Their words to the ends of the earth. R

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun

Which comes out like a bridegroom from under the canopy.

Like an athlete eager to run a race.

**Its rising is at one end of the sky,
It runs its course to the other,
And there is nothing that is hidden from its heat. R**

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul;

**God's instruction is sure,
Giving wisdom to the simple;**

God's precepts are right; rejoicing the heart;

**God's commandment is pure
Giving light to the eyes;**

God's fear is clean, enduring forever,

**God's judgements are true,
Every one of them righteous;
More desirable than gold, even much fine gold,
Sweeter also than honey,
Pure honey from the comb. R**

By them is your servant warned;

For in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can discern unwitting sins,

Lest they get the better of me.

Then shall I be clean and innocent of great offence. R

All: **Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart
Be acceptable in your sight, O God,
My strength and my redeemer.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

OPENING PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: The Lord's Prayer

THE PEACE:

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

EPISTLE READING: James 2:1-10, 14-17

GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:24-37

REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR JUSTICE:

Pray for those who are hungry.

Pray harder for those who will not feed them.

Pray for those who struggle each week to pay their bills.

Pray harder for the wealthy who do not care.

Pray for those who are homeless.

Pray harder for those who deny them shelter.

Pray for the sick and lonely.

Pray harder for those who will not give them comfort.

Pray for those who cry out for dignity.

Pray harder for those who will not listen.

Pray for those oppressed by unjust wages.

Pray harder for those who exploit them.

Pray for those who bear the yoke of prejudice.

Pray harder for those who discriminate against them.

Pray for those whose basic needs are denied.

**Pray harder for public officials who cater to the greedy
and ignore those bound unjustly. Amen.**

~ written by Rebecca Sutton, Program Coordinator of Global Women's Exchange.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

HYMN: #365 Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me this I know, as he loved so long ago;

Taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me"
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so.

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.

Alfie, 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:

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

Alfie, 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!

HYMN: #575 I'm Gonna a Live So God can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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

We gratefully acknowledge donations to Topsail United Church in loving memory of
Aunt Olive Stokes from Dennis & Carolyn Brown

“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)

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. 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