

## **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.*

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**JUNE 27, 2021**

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

### **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME AND SHARING TIME**

**INTROIT:** MV #18 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

At our beginning,

**God blesses us with love.**

In the sharing of our lives,

**God blesses us with community.**

In our leavings,

**God blesses us with hope.**

Let us gather, and rejoice and offer praise for all the ways that God blesses us.

**HYMN:** MV #165 There Is A Time

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**ACT OF PRAISE:** #958 Halle, Halle, Halle

#### **THE PEACE:**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

#### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

#### **PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM**

## **LETTER FROM THE FAMILY**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES OF PARENTS**

## **PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY**

## **CONGREGATIONAL VOWS OF SUPPORT**

Let us pledge our vows of support and care.

**Elyse, 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:**

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

**Elyse, 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 so that you may know who you are.**

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

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

**PRESENTATIONS:** Candle, New Creed and Certificate

## **BLESSING**

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:** (unison)

**By the power of your Spirit, speak your Word to us, O God. Show us who you are and who you are calling us to be, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 30, VU#757

**Response:** Through tears flow for a night, the morning brings new joy.

I will extol you, O God, for you have lifted me up;

**You have not let my enemies triumph over me.**

O God, my God, I cried to you for help,

And you restored my health.

**You brought me back from the dead,**

**You saved my life as I was going down to the Grave.**

Let all your servants sing praises to you,

And give thanks to your holy name.

**Your anger is but for a moment,**

**But your kindness is life eternal. R**

In my prosperity, I said,

**"I shall every be shaken;**

**Your favour, O God,**

**Has made me as firm as any strong mountain."**

You turned your face away from me

And I was greatly dismayed.

I called to you, I made my apparel:

**"What profit is there is my death,**

**In my going down to the Grave?**

Will the dust give you praise?

Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

**Hear, O God, and be gracious to me;**

**O God, be my helper." R**

You turned my mourning into dancing;

**You stripped off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,**

So that my heart will sing your praise without ceasing.

**O God, my God, I will give thanks to you forever. R**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-7

Ephesians 2:19-22

**REFLECTION**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

Turn, Turn, Turn (*Pete Seeger*)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** (unison)

Holy God, who hears our prayers and answers them, and who gives us more than we can ask or imagine, accept our offerings and use them to your glory, that we might imitate your coming reign of justice, peace and love. Amen.

**FAREWELL TO BETH AND ANDREW**

Acknowledgement

Presentation

Prayer

Blessing

**HYMN:** VU #422 God, Be with You till We Meet Again

*God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*Refrain:*

*Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.*

*God be with you till we meet again;  
unseen wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]*

*God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]*

*God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
smite death's threatening wave before you;  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]*

**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

**CHORAL BLESSING:** MV #156 Dance with the Spirit

*Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life abornin',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.*

*Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
move with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life abornin',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.*

*Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
sing with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life abornin',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.*

## **POSTLUDE**

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

To the Glory of God today's bulletins are dedicated  
In thanksgiving for the Musical Ministry of **Beth and Andrew Cranston**.  
We wish you many blessings for your journey and your new home in Nova Scotia,  
Love, your church family at Topsail United

We accept with thanks for the following Father's Day memorials:

To the glory of God and in loving memory of:  
Husband and Father **Herman Humby** from Pearl & Family

**George Baggs**, Husband, Father and Grandfather, from wife Sandra, sons Derick, Scott &  
Roy and his five grandchildren and  
Lovingly remembering my father **James Miller** from Sandra Baggs

## **LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

### **Flower Services**

**Upper Gullies Flower Service** - Sunday, July 18, 2pm (alternate date Sunday, July 25, 2pm)

**Long Pond Flower Service** - Sunday, July 18, 3pm (alternate date Sunday, July 25, 2pm)

**Topsail United Flower Service** - Tuesday, July 20, 7pm (alternate date Tuesday, July 27, 7pm)

**Purchase a First Light Orange Shirt & Wear Orange July 1st**

We are encouraging people to purchase an orange shirt in support of First Light's Residential Schools Survivor Memorial Garden. You can order a shirt directly from [bit.ly/decolonizeYYT](http://bit.ly/decolonizeYYT) or contact the church office to place a group order. Shirts are \$20 with adult and youth sizes available. Pick up will be the week of June 28th in St. John's. You can learn about the significance of orange shirts here [firstlightnl.ca/orange-shirt-day](http://firstlightnl.ca/orange-shirt-day) First Light asks people to wear orange shirts on July 1st in solidarity with those who survived residential school and those who never made it home.

### **Siding Fund**

This past winter during a violent wind storm the majority of the siding blew off the rear side of our church. The cost of repairs to the church to replace the siding and window is estimated to be \$4200. To help cover these extra expenses, we are asking members and friends of the congregation to consider making a special one time donation to give our church the TLC it needs. Donations can be sent via ETransfer through your personal online banking to [office@topsailunited.ca](mailto: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 215 children at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. 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 you give via the Healing Fund Website [Donate Now | The United Church of Canada](http://DonateNow|TheUnitedChurchofCanada)

### **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](mailto:office@topsailunited.ca) to set up your pre authorized givings. It is quick, easy and worry free!

### **Shopper's Run for Women in Support of STELLA's CIRCLE**

Don't let the word "run" stop you! Walking is an option. This year the Run for Women is virtual. You can choose your own route and your own time to do the walk or run any time between **July 4 - 11**. \$35 of the registration fee goes directly to support the work of Stella's Circle with Women's Mental Health. Each participant receives a \$100 swag bag, t-shirt and a finisher's bracelet! Last year Stella's Tea Cups raised \$1,400. Let's see if we can do it again. If you want to join or have questions, email [revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com) or go directly to <https://www.runforwomen.ca/Cities/StJohns.aspx> to register!

**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](mailto:revkathy@topsailunited.ca)**