

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH
"The Church by the Side of the Road"
Fully Accessible; Scent-Free Environment
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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING TIME

INTROIT: #574 Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love (vs. 1)

*Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true,
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us, and we respond; Christ leads us, and we are to follow; the Spirit beckons us, and we are urged to enter into new life.

We come to worship the God of life and laughter, hope and anticipation, peace and wholeness.

HYMN: #371 Open My Eyes That I Might See

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears and let me hear voices of truth though sendest clear,

And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false shall disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my heart and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

OPENING PRAYER
ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: I HAVE CALLED YOU BY YOUR NAME

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM
LETTERS FROM THE FAMILIES

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES OF PARENTS

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILIES

CONGREGATIONAL VOWS OF SUPPORT

Let us pledge our support and care.

Ava and Beau, 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:

Alec & Beau, into the household of faith we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

Ava & Beau, 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

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (unison)

O God, you make all things new. May your word recreate within us new energy and passion to serve the world as Christ would serve. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 148 #871

EPISTLE READING: Revelation 21:1-6

GOSPEL READING: John 13:31-35

REFLECTION

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.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

SUNG OFFERTORY: (TUNE #232)

*Joyful, joyful, Lord we bring you gifts that you can use today.
Take them, bless them, may your kingdom spread to all the world we pray.
We are here our time, our talents, we would dedicate as well.
May we show Christ's love within us, by our lives, our faith to tell.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)

We offer to you O God, our gifts and ourselves. May these gifts bear the fruit of love and compassion as they are given to serve you in the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #710 Shall We Gather at the River

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

*Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down,
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. **R**

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. **R**

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

At Our Church This Week:

(CH) Church Hall/ (BR) Board Room/ (S) Sanctuary

Monday, May 16, 2022	Flipper Dinner	All Day (CH)
Tuesday, May 17, 2022	Brownies	6:00pm (CH)
	Coastal Sounds	7:15pm (S)
Wednesday, May 18, 2022	Coffee Time	10:00am (CH)
	Inspiration	6:00pm (S)
	CBSYC	7:00pm (CH)
	Courage	8:00pm (S)
Thursday, May 19, 2022	Family Resource Ctr	All Day (CH)
	Choir	7:30pm (S)
	Winner's in Sobriety	8:00pm (CH)
Friday, May 20, 2022	T'ai Chi	9:00am (CH)

Upcoming Events:

SPRING FLEA MARKET

Saturday May 28th 9:30am - 2pm. Main drop off Friday, May 27th 10:00am - 5pm. Do not just leave items in the church without notice. Check with Mildred 781 - 2092 or Gillian 781 - 1562, to make other arrangements. We may not be able to take everything that you want to donate. No toys, clothes, shoes, magazines or electronics, please.

LOBSTER/STEAK NIGHT

The Fundraising Committee will be hosting a Lobster/Steak eat in Meal on Saturday, June 4th at 6:30 pm, a meal of Lobster or Steak for \$45 per person or a Combo Meal for \$70, with a variety of Salads, Rolls. Desserts and after dinner entertainment. Tickets will be available at the Office by calling 834-4567. Mask wearing is required.

LOBSTER COLD PLATE TAKE OUT

The Fundraising Committee will be hosting a Lobster Cold Plate Take out on Friday June 17, pick up from 4 to 6 pm. Meal will consist of Lobster, a variety of Salads, Roll, and Dessert. Cost will be \$ 40. Tickets may be purchased from the Office in Advance by calling 834-4567. No Ticket Sales at the Door. Mask wearing is required.

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!

OPTIONS FOR GIVING "VIRTUALLY"

In light of the continuing uncertainty created by the COVID pandemic, many in our congregation may prefer "virtual" means to continue to support the work of our church financially. Please consider the following options:

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 gifts.

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

THROUGH E-TRANSFER

We are set up to receive your givings via electronic funds transfer using the church email address above.

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: kathy.brett101@gmail.com