

# TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

*"The Church by the Side of the Road"*

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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."

<b>Ministers:</b>	<b>The Congregation</b>
<b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>
<b>Congregational Designated Minister:</b>	<b>Steven Rogers</b>
<b>Music Leaders:</b>	<b>Brett Vey &amp; Rosalind Foley</b>
<b>Ministry of Music</b>	<b>Children's Choir &amp; Youth Band</b>
<b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Lynn Mercer</b>
<b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>

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*March 16, 2014*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

## **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME!** It is **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**. "I have fought against white domination, have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons will live together in harmony with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for, and to see realized. But my Lord, if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die." **Nelson Mandela**

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

## **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**INTROIT:** "As Long as we Follow " (Seasons of the Spirit)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** ( Leslie Moran)

**One:** We journey and travel in a world that does not treat everyone as friend. A world that does not respect, care, and value each person equally. Creator God, help us to pray and work toward a world where all are respected, valued and nurtured.

**All:** **A new world, Your world!**

**One:** Let us worship God.:

## **WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK**

## **LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY**

(each week a purple candle is extinguished)

## CONGREGATION SINGS:

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand:  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

## PRAYER OF APPROACH: It's Not Easy

**HYMN:** # 444 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (vs.1,2)

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**One:** Let us celebrate the gift of grace given to us in the Sacrament of Baptism.

**All:** **There is one body and one spirit; we have one hope in Christ.**

**One:** There is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

**All:** **Out of the waters of Baptism, we rise with new life, forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.**

## INTRODUCTION & VOWS

**One:** Let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

**All:** **As a Baptized and Baptizing church, 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.**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH:** The Creed (VU #918)

## THE BAPTISM

**HYMN:** #440 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (vs.3,4)

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

**SCRIPTURE READING:** (Ashtyn Wells)

Psalm 133 (The Blessedness of Unity)

Luke 10: 25 – 37 (The Parable of the Good Samaritan)

**ANTHEM:** "All Are Welcome" (Seasons of the Spirit)

**REFLECTION:**

**HYMN:** "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" #176 (Songs of the Gospel)

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**MUSICAL REFLECTION:** "I See Your True Colours"

**OFFERTORY:**

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away  
Love is something if you give it away, you end up having more  
It's just like a magic penny, hold on tight and you won't have any  
Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many – they'll roll all over the floor  
Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away  
Love is something if you give it away, you end up having more

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** # 700 "God of Freedom, God of Justice"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "As Long as We Follow"

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

**GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*Today we are pleased to welcome into membership of our  
Church family, through The Sacrament of Baptism;*

***Ryland Lynn Elizabeth Abbott***

*daughter of Tessa and Justin Abbott, of CBS NL*



**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

Today's bulletin has been dedicated to the glory of God and donated;

*In loving memory of Granddaughter*

**Sydney**

*by Nanny Baggs & Family*