

# 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."
- **Ministers:** **The Congregation**
- **Youth Program Coordinator:** **Brett Vey**
- **Organist:** **Beth Cranston**
- **Choir Director:** **Andrew Cranston**
- **Choir:** **Mixed Choir**
- **Office Manager:** **Jacqueline Kennedy**
- **Caretaker:** **Roger Richards**
- **Minister:** **Rev. Wayne Cole**

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**Sunday, January 5, 2020**  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
**THE GATHERING**

**Organ Prelude**

**Introit:** I Have Called You by Your Name (MV #161)

**Welcome & Announcements**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive)

(M) Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**(P) The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**

(M) Like sages from afar, come and behold your Chirst!

**(P): Let us fall on our knees in his honor! Let us lift our voices in praise of his name!**

**Congregation Sings:** Dance with the Spirit (MV #156)

Dance with the spirit early in the morning, walk with the spirit throughout the long day,

Work and hope for the new life a-bornin', listen to the music to show you the way. (X2)

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**THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED**

## Scripture Readings:

**New Testament:** Ephesians 1:3-14

*(Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

*All: Thanks be to God.)*

**Gospel: John 1:1-9 (Minister) The Gospel  
of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

*(All: Praise be to Christ, the Living Word)*

**Sermon:** Introducing Jesus

**Anthem:** One Bread, One Body (VU #467)

## Sacrament of Holy Communion The Greeting

**M:** The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ and the love of  
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you  
all.

**P:** **And also with you.**

**Communion Hymn:** As We Gather at Your Table (VU #457)

**M:** Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's  
forgiveness.

**P:** **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we are in bondage to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you in thought,  
word and deed by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we  
have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. For the  
sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may  
delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the  
glory of your holy name.**

*(Silence for Personal Reflection). Amen.*

**M:** Lord, have mercy.

**P:** **Christ, have mercy.**

M: Lord have mercy.

***(The Assurance of Forgiveness)***

M: Sisters and brothers,  
anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether,  
the past is finished and gone;  
everything has become fresh and new.  
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

***(Presenting of the Gifts)***

M: As a forgiven and reconciled people  
let us with joy present our gifts at the Table of the  
Lord.

**Offertory Hymn:** What does the Lord Require (VU #701)

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?  
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

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***(The Great Thanksgiving)***

M: Blessed are you gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
We give thanks and praise,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin.  
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,  
and to live no longer for ourselves alone,  
but for him who died for us and rose again.  
Therefore, with angels and archangels,  
and all who served you in every age,  
we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**P: (Please sing) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

M: Mighty and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth  
we recognize the fullness of your grace:  
light, life and love,  
revealed in words that confront and comfort us,  
in teachings that challenge and change us,  
in compassion that heals and frees us.  
And now we gather at this table to remember  
and to be filled with such longing for your realm,  
that we may rise together to turn our worship  
into witness and to follow in your way.

At this time we remember all those

with whom you would have us share this feast.

- We pray for all who are in sorrow and in pain...
- all who are ill or alone...
- all who live with fear, oppression or hunger...
- for all whom the world counts as last and least...
- We pray for the church and its varied ministries...
- for nations as they strive for peace and justice...
- for those who suffer loss of family, friends'  
property
- for our families and our friends...

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace,  
remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his  
resurrection,

waiting in hope for his coming again.

Grant that in praise and thanksgiving,  
we may so offer ourselves to you

that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

**P: Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.**

M: O God, pour your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these  
gifts, that all who share this loaf and this cup may be  
the body of Christ: light, life and love in the world. In  
this hope and as your people, we praise you.

**P: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, God most holy,**

**now and forever.**

M: And now gathering all our prayers,  
spoken and unspoken, we are bold to say/sing:

**P: Our Father... (Please sing)**

*(The Breaking of the Bread and the Lifting of the Cup)  
(The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup):*

**Servers:**

**“The body of Christ, given for you”;**

**“The blood of Christ shed for you”.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**All: We give thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us at your table  
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.  
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one  
another, and send us forth into the world united  
in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of  
the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen**

**Hymn:** O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (VU #658)

### **Commissioning (unison)**

M: Oh Christ, we know that the gifts of our hands are  
no substitute for the loyalty of our lives.

**P: As we leave this sanctuary, enable us to serve your  
creation as we have worshipped you, with  
ourselves as well as our gifts.**

**Benediction:** *(Minister)*

**Choral Benediction:** Bread for the Journey MV #202

**Organ Postlude**