

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE
The United Church of Canada



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Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday April 8, 2018

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^MUSICAL PRELUDE: (Leader & Choir Enter)

(^) means, stand as you are able,

(Bold Congregation Response)

**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCHES**

^CHORAL INTROIT: VU#381 Spirit of Life

*Spirit of life, come unto me.*

*Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.*

*Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;*

*move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.*

*Roots hold me close, wings set me free;*

*Spirit of life, come to me, come to me.*

^CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

Hear us when we call O God of Righteousness

**Be with us now, we pray**

You have relieved us in our distress and You have mercy  
on us

**Be with us now, we pray**

The Lord will hear us when we call on His name

**Be with us now, we pray Amen**

For You alone, O Lord make us dwell in safety

^HYMN: VU#672 Take Time to Be Holy

OPENING PRAYER: (Karen Johnston)

CHOIR ANTHEM: (R)

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 4:32-35 (Reader)

Leader: May God bless this reading for God's people today.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL: "Jesus, Friend of Sinners"

^HYMN: VU#664 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

GOSPEL READING: John 20: 19-31 (Leader)

Leader: In this reading is Good News for God's people.

People: *May the Spirit of the Living God be with us today! Amen.*

SERMON: "Breath"

^HYMN: VU#506 Take My Life and Let It Be

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Organ Donation across  
"Enemy Lines"

^OFFERING AND DEDICATION: (In Unison) MV#191

*What can I do?... What can I bring?*

*What can I say?... What can I sing?*

*I'll sing with joy... I'll say a prayer.*

*I'll bring my love... I'll do my share.(Repeat)*

^PRAYER of DEDICATION: (In Unison)

*These treasures we present, O God,*

*for the work of Your church,*

*in this community and throughout the world.*

*May they be used wisely where the need is great.*

*May they be used compassionately, to serve others.*

*Especially when the need is hard to perceive.*

*Amen*

PASTORAL PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER: (VU#959)

^HYMN: VU#337 Blessed Assurance

**^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)**

Jesus came to seek and save the lost  
***Left Heaven's glory, minding not the cost***  
Looking high and low and far and wide,  
***The Son of Man for all was crucified,***  
Once for all, O sinner, receive it;  
Once for all, O brother, believe it  
***Cling to the cross, the burden will fall,***  
***Christ hath redeemed us once for all.***  
***Amen***

**^BENEDICTION: Numbers 6:24 (Leader)**

**^CHORAL BLESSING: (Go Now in Peace)**

***Go now in peace, never be afraid***  
***God will go with you each hour of every day.***  
***Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,***  
***Know God will guide you in all you do.***  
***Go now in love and show you believe***  
***Reach out to others, so all the world can see***  
***God will be there, watching from above,***  
***Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.***  
***A-a-men, A-a-men, A-a-a-men (Don Besig & Nancy Price)***