

# Welcome to Hastings Roseneath Pastoral Charge

## Online Worship presentation for March 22,2020

During this time of the Covid-19 outbreak, worship gatherings are not being held, in order to stop the spread of this invasive and seemingly easily transmitted virus.

It has presented to us in our faith communities, something rather unprecedented in the life of our congregations.



I invite you into this time of worship, for this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, and as we gather, you are encouraged to participate on your own, or you can just sit back and receive God's Word for you this day. One thing for sure, is my hope that God will richly bless us in our time together even though we are apart. The Spirit will certainly be with us, no matter where we are.

For the time being we cannot be as physically close to one another as we have usually been.



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And so we have to create a community of the faithful, in a new form... a community of online worshipping.

Having an online worship could work out well for you and the minister also.



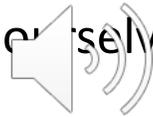
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# Reasons to watch church online

1. No parking
2. Refill your coffee anytime
3. Relax in your pajamas
4. You can mute the pastor

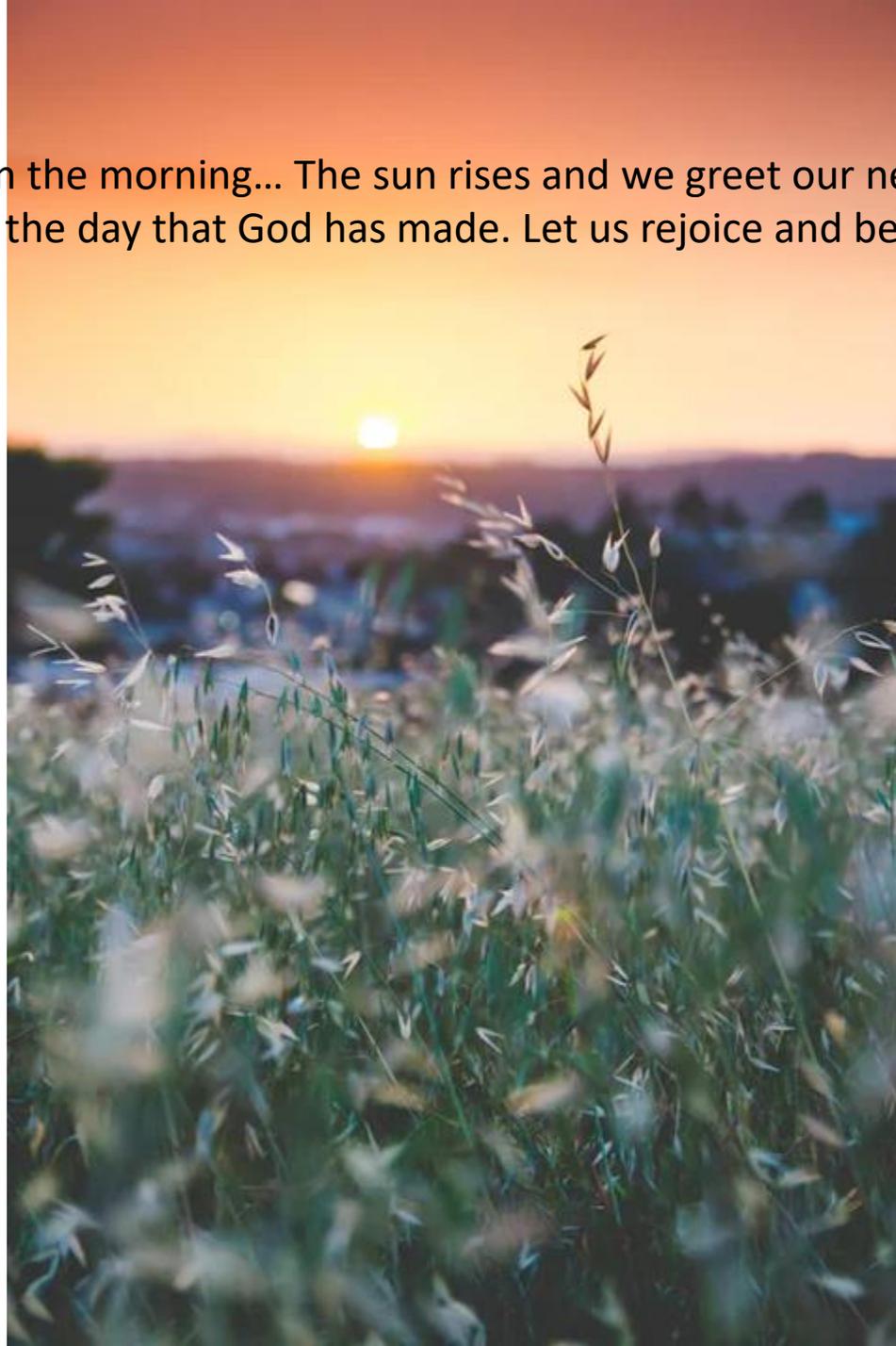
And I can do what the slide says... Well... Except “mute” myself.

Let us prepare ourselves for worship





Early in the morning... The sun rises and we greet our new day  
This is the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it





**CHORAL INTROIT: (MoreVoices#18)**

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true;  
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for you.**



## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

The days are getting longer.

The light is getting brighter.

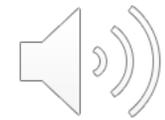
God, you are our light to our pathway.

As we continue our Lenten journey,

Let us follow the well-lit path that God offers.

Let us worship and praise our God this day.





# God is Here VU#389

- 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2     Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

3      Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us, as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

4 God of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

## Opening Prayer:

God of love and life:

we come this day laying before you that which is dried out and lifeless.

In our time of worship, may your spirit give us new life, O God.

We come seeking hope for that which is in shadow and despair.

In our time of worship, may your spirit give us new hope, O God.

We come seeking new vision,

for the way we have been walking is hard and many times we are walking blind.

In our time of worship, may your spirit give us new sight, O God.

We pray this in the name of the One who walks our journey with us. Amen.

Lent is the time when we journey to those shadowed places within us.  
While in the desert, we face our doubt, name our sorrow, and acknowledge our helplessness.  
Today, the candle we extinguish speaks to our anger.  
This bitterness of spirit that often feels justified and righteous is so often the very thing that will unhinge us.  
When we live in anger, we live in a small box, always slamming against walls that will not give.  
In time, our anger takes over and taints everything we touch.  
This morning let us take a moment to offer our prayers of confession to God and do our best to lift our anger to the one who can take it from us.

(silence as the 4<sup>th</sup> candle is extinguished)



Let us join together in the prayer that is printed in your bulletin.

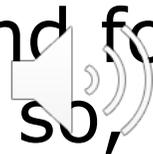
Let us pray: (unison)

**LENTEN CANDLE EXTINGUISHING:    *Theme: Anger***

**Reading and Candle Extinguishing**

**Unison Prayer:**

God of the Lenten journey, as the smoke from this candle rises to greet you, may it take with it the anger that binds us. Move within us that we may offer forgiveness to ourselves and forgiveness to those who have hurt us and, in doing so, free ourselves. This we pray in your name. Amen.





LENTEN PRAYER HYMN: How deep the peace (M.V. 95)

“How deep the peace, the confidence,  
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.  
How deep the peace, the confidence,  
of those whose hearts are healed.” (X 4)

