

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

The United Church of Canada

Lent 3-March 4, 2018-Sacrament of Holy Communion &  
Covenant with Church Council Elders

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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:** MV#115 Behold, I Make All Things New

*Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
beginning with you, and starting from today.  
Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
my promise is true for I am Christ the Way. (repeat)*

^**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (*Responsive*)

Come join us in this sanctuary,  
*where people come to praise God.*  
Come join us in this sanctuary,  
*where people look for quiet and comfort.*  
Come join us in this sanctuary,  
*where people come for wisdom and healing,*  
Come. God is with us. Let us worship.  
*We come to be with God.*

^**HYMN:** MV#1 Let Us Build a House

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: (*Refrain*)

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (*Refrain*)

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (*Refrain*)

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (*Refrain*)

**OPENING PRAYER:** (*Rev. Jamie York*)

**LENTEN CANDLE EXTINGUISHING:**

**PRAYING WITH THE PSALMS:** (Psalm 19:1)

*"The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament  
proclaims God's handiwork."*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION & CONFESSION**

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE:** (M.V.#95 How Deep the Peace)

*How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose wrongs are  
forgiven. How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose hearts  
are healed. (Sung Twice)*

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** (R)

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Exodus 20:1-17 (Reader)

Leader: May God bless this reading for God's people today.  
People: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

**FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL: “Nation under God”**

**^HYMN:VU#600 When I Needed a Neighbour**

**GOSPEL READING: John 2:13-22(Rev. Jamie York)**

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: “All About Anger”**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION: “Building Resilience and Hope in Indigenous Children”**

**^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)**

*Our covenant is lived out through the giving of our selves—  
our time, our talent, and our treasure.*

*May we live that promise of our faith this morning,  
as we present our offering.*

*Bless these gifts as you bless us for your purpose. Amen.*

**SERVICE OF COVENANT WITH CHURCH COUNCIL ELDERS**

**Introduction**

**Statement of Purpose & Scripture Sentence**

**Covenant Questions & Promises**

**Prayer & Declaration**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Table: (Rev. Jamie York)**

**^HYMN:VU#477 I Come with Joy**

**Communion Liturgy:**

May God be with you

*And also with you*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift our hearts to God*

We embrace all that is holy as we say:

*Holy, holy, holy God.*

*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.*

Holy God, through the seasons of our lives, we struggle to know you; we wrestle with questions and doubts and what it means to be faithful, to lose our lives to save them, to take up our crosses and follow you.

We try to hold fast to all that is good and true, but even so, we sometimes cause hurt; we betray others, and we are not faithful to our best selves. We long to know your saving presence with us, especially when life challenges us to be brave and wise. We look for ways forward out of sadness and pain, for ourselves and for all people. Like Jesus’ disciples, after he had gone from them, we look for signs of your love and strength, signs of life’s deep meaning and goodness.

In faith, we find those signs, especially when we remember how, on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; this is my blood, poured out for you and for everyone. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

*May these gifts of body and cup indeed be signs and substance for us of your presence within us and throughout creation, and may they strengthen us to live with power and compassion in the assurance of your blessing. Amen.*

**PASTORAL PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Communion**

**Post Communion Prayer: (In Unison)**

*God of promise, God of hope, we thank you for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. In this meal we have been replenished and strengthened. The light of your love rekindled within us. Lead us to live lives marked by truth, and help us to boldly carry your light into the world. May we go from hear to speak your love and to walk in your Way... through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**^HYMN: VU#481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

**^COMMISSIONING : (Responsive)**

As we leave our place of worship this day,  
May we remember the gifts that God can impart to us,  
*Warmth in my loving,  
Strength through forgiving,  
Peace in my being,  
Hope in my living,  
Nourishment in holy meal.*

**^BENEDICTION: (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)*