

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

The United Church of Canada

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR APRIL 15, 2018

“Holy Humour Sunday”

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**“GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME”**

**^ WARM UP MUSIC:** *(Leader & Choir Enter, then be seated)*  
*(^) means, please stand, (Bold Print - Congregation Response)*

**HEAR-YE... HEAR-YE... HEAR-YE** (ANNOUNCEMENTS)

**CALLING US TO ORDER:** *The Rev*

**STARTING UP MUSIC:** *This is the Day* (VU#412 verse 1)

*This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made.*

**COME BE WITH US GOD, PRAYER:** *(All of us together)*  
*O Great Laughing God, we come into your presence with joy  
and longing to be surprised. We thank you that you have given  
to us the gift of laughter and delight. These things give hints  
as to the nature of your purpose for us and for all the earth.  
May we find that in giving up to laughter there is healing and  
hope and abundance and blessing. Tickle our souls with the  
feather of your Spirit, putting a smile on our worship and our  
living. Amen.*

**^ SINGIN’ TOGETHER MUSIC:** VU#245

**Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet**

**FORGIVEN PRAYER:** *The Rev*

**GONNA BE OK WORDS:** *The Rev*

**ANTHEM TIME:**

**READING FROM THE OLD GOOD BOOK:** *Psalm 2 (R)*

Reader: May God bless this reading from the Old Good Book today.

*People: Eh-men.*

**FOR THE FUNNY BONE IN US ALL:**

***“Jesus and Chocolate”***

**^ SINGIN’ TOGETHER MUSIC:** *I’ve got the joy*

*I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy  
Down in my heart, Down in my heart, Down in my heart,  
I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy, Down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay.*

*And I’m so happy, So very happy;  
I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart.  
And I’m so happy, So very happy,  
I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

**READING FROM THE NEW GOOD BOOK:**

***Matthew 25:14-30***

Reader: May God bless this reading from the New Good Book today.

*People: Eh-men.*

**FOR THE FUNNY BONE IN US ALL:** *Use it or Lose it*

**^ SINGIN’ TOGETHER MUSIC:** VU#224

***Sing a Happy Hallelujah***

**^ MONEY GATHERING TIME:** *(All together) 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)*

**^ DEDICATING THE COLLECTION:** *(All together)*

*Thank you God for the joy You have given us  
which bubbles over into laughter and fun!  
Thank you for renewing our joy in worship,  
which stays with us in all of life.  
We pray that these, our gifts, will bring joy to all the world,  
Especially the minister who gets paid from it.  
We pray in the name of the risen Lord. EH-men!*

**^PRAYERS FOR US ALL & THE PRAYER WE ALL KNOW**

**^SINGIN' TOGETHER MUSIC:** VU#624

**Give to Us Laughter**

**SING ALONG WITH RAY STEVENS:**

*The day the squirrel went berserk.  
In the First Self-Righteous Church  
in that sleepy little town of Pascagoula.  
It was a fight for survival,  
that broke out in revival.  
They were jumpin pews and shouting Hallelujah.*

**^SENDING AWAY WORDS:** (First The Rev, then you!)

*And now we rise to leave, and as we go... may we go...  
With joy in our step,  
With a twinkle in our eye,  
With love in our hearts,  
and with laughter in our belly.*

**^LAST CHANCE BLESSING:** The Rev



