

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

The United Church of Canada

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR APRIL 28, 2019

“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:** Halle, Halle, Halle (VU#958)

Halle, Halle, Halle, --lu-u-jah!

Halle, Halle, Halle, --lu-u-jah!

Halle, Halle, Halle, --lu-u-jah!

Hallelujah! Halle-le-lu-jah! (twice over)

**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:** Music: VU#240

Joy’s Creation

1.Praise the birth of Joy’s creation, joy of wisdom, love and peace: joy that lifts the human spirit, joy so true it shall not cease.

Celebrate the joy of living, giving hearts a glad release.

2.Praise with gladness Joy’s creation, joy of strength to guide our way: joy that heals a grieving sadness, leads the heart to dance and play.

Celebrate the joy of healing, bringing hope to each new day.

3.Praise with gladness Joy’s creation, joy of laughter, hope and worth: joy that conquers pain and sorrow, joy that gives the soul new birth.

Celebrate the joy of goodness, changing tears to wondrous mirth.

4.Praise with gladness Joy’s creation, joy to face despair and need: joy that blesses hearts in action, joy infusing all our deeds.

Celebrate the joy of kindness, make it our most noble creed.

**FORGIVEN PRAYER:** The Rev

**GONNA BE OK WORDS:** The Rev

**ANTHEM TIME:**

**READING FROM THE OLD GOOD BOOK:** Psalm 100 (R)

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

People: Eh-men.

**FOR THE FUNNY BONE IN US ALL:** “Joyful Noise”

^**SINGIN’ TOGETHER MUSIC:** VU#820

Make a Joyful Noise

**READING FROM THE NEW GOOD BOOK:**

(there will be several different readings shared throughout the sermon today)

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

Funny stuff from the Bible and Beyond

^ **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. EH-men!*

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

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

**Give to Us Laughter**

**^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

**^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)*



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