

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE  
The United Church of Canada  
WORSHIP SERVICE FOR August 20<sup>th</sup> 2017



**Holy Communion Sunday**

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**^MUSICAL PRELUDE:** *(Leader & Choir Enter)*

*(^) means, please stand as you are able,  
(Bold Print - Congregation Response)  
LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCHES*

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

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together  
in unity!

*It is like a summer rain which restores the parched earth.*

It is like a cool breeze at the shore of a lake, at the top of a  
mountain or through a crowded city street.

*God meets us here as we gather to worship  
the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls  
and the Breath of Our Lives. We worship our God.*

**^HYMN:** VU#402 We are One

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

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Genesis 45:1-15 (R)

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

*People: Thanks be to God! Amen.*

**FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:** "True Forgiveness"

**^HYMN:** VU#271 There's a wideness in God's mercy

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28 (M)

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:** "A Nagging Woman"

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

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**^COMMISSIONING:** *(Responsive)*

As you go from this place of worship this day,

Go to do the work of Christ in the world:

*We will extend a hand to those in need,*

*We will speak up for those others would cast aside,*

*We will build bridges of reconciliation,*

*strengthen bonds of community,*

*and extend the invitation of abundant life,*

*community and purpose to others.*

**^BENEDICTION:** *(Rev. Jamie York)*

**^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,*

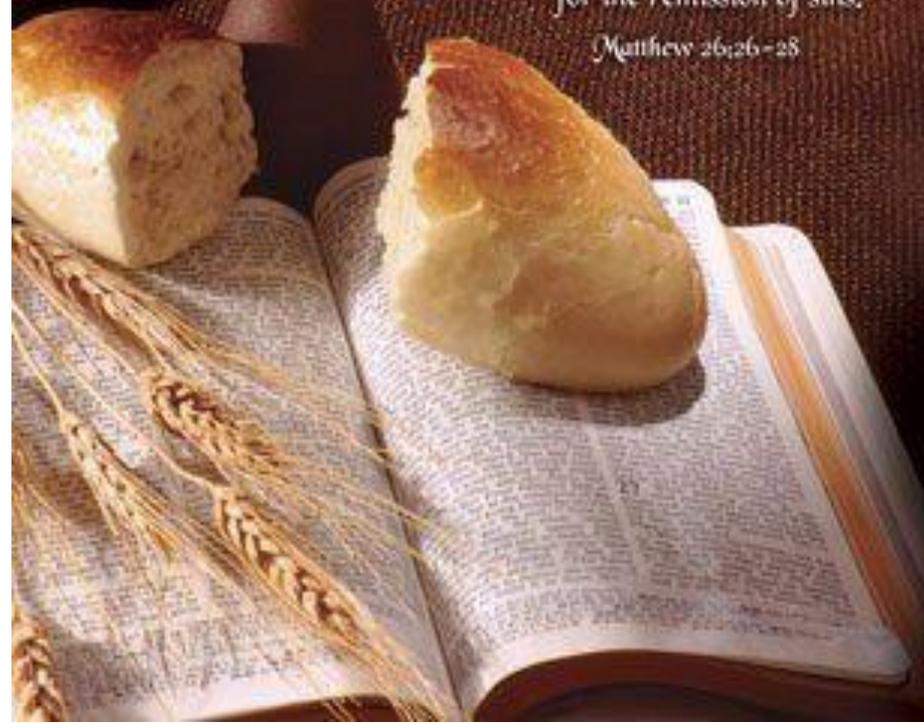
*Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

*A-a-men, A-a-men, A-a-a-men (Don Besig & Nancy Price)*

# Jesus took bread

...and gave it to the disciples,  
and said, Take, eat;  
this is my body.  
And he took the cup...  
and gave it to them, saying,  
Drink ye all of it;  
For this is my blood  
of the new testament,  
which is shed for many  
for the remission of sins.

Matthew 26:26-28



**^OFFERING AND DEDICATION: (In Unison) VU#541**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

**^PRAYER of DEDICATION: (In Unison)**

*Holy God, we know you as one who provides.  
We dedicate to your service our lives and these our  
offerings. They come from your blessing and our labour.  
Work in us and through us to extend your love and care,  
here and around the world. Amen.*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Table:**

**^HYMN: VU#457 “As We Gather at Your Table”**

**A Celebration of the Eucharist:**

God be with you.

*And with your spirit.*

Lift up your hearts

*We lift them up to God.*

Give thanks to the God of Reconciliation.

*How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!*

When the first humans found themselves naked and ashamed, you provided clothing so that the dust of their being might not be scattered upon the earth. When there was enmity between Jacob and his brother Esau, you wrestled with Jacob so that they might be reconciled.

After Joseph was cast out by his brothers, you worked through him to welcome the children of Israel out of famine into a feast of reconciliation.

*How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!*

When Jesus had been crucified, dead and buried, you lifted Christ from the grave to reconcile the world to yourself.

When time shall be no more, and all your children, from every tribe and nation, every kindred and tongue, shall be gathered in peace, your eternal praise shall ring out.

*How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!*

And so, even now with all people and all creation you have reconciled, in every time and place, we join in the unending hymn of praise.

*Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends, He took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them saying, “Take, eat, this is my body given for you. Each time you do this remember me.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks passed it to his friends, saying, “Drink. This cup that is poured out for you is the promise of God, made in my blood. Whenever you drink from this cup, remember me.”

As we gather in this Thanksgiving and remembrance we proclaim the basis of our faith:

*Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.*

God of Hope and Renewal,

pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of grain and grape that they might be for us the presence of the living Christ and upon us so that we might be empowered by and for your ministry of reconciliation.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours Almighty God, now and forever.

**(Pastoral Prayers) Rev. Jamie**

**Lord’s Prayer (In Unison)**

**(Breaking the Bread, and Pouring the Cup) You are then invited to come and receive communion by intinction**

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

*Life-giving God,*

*may we, who share Christ’s body, live his risen life;*

*we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others;*

*we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.*

*Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,*

*so that we and all your children shall be free,*

*and all creation will live to praise your name. Amen!*

