

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

The United Church of Canada

Transfiguration Sunday- February 11, 2018

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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:** VU#381 Spirit of Life

*Spirit of life, come unto me.*

*Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.*

*Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;*

*move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.*

*Roots hold me close, wings set me free;*

*Spirit of life, come to me, come to me.*

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

Gathering in this sacred place we anticipate new wonders each week.

*Wherever two or three are gathered to worship,  
a holy spirit is present.*

Open our eyes to witness the fantastic love and wondrous joy  
waiting to be revealed, even this day, even in this place.

*We will want to linger and camp in this sanctuary,  
but when we leave today may our hearts be open  
to all the wonders of God's beautiful world.  
Let us worship God.*

^**HYMN:** VU#296 This is God's Wondrous World

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

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" (R)

**SCRIPTURE READING:** 2 Kings 2:1-12 (Reader)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

**FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:** "Inheritance"

^**HYMN:** VU#104 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 9:2-9 (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:** "That Mountaintop Experience"

^**HYMN:** VU#341 Fairest Lord Jesus

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

^**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)

*God of all that is, all we have, all we are – we give.*

*We give these gifts as we reach across  
the thresholds of our concerns.*

*We give these gifts, knowing that they will give back  
so much more. Bless our offering to this our church.*

*Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

**PASTORAL PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER** (VU#959)

^**HYMN:** VU#642 Be Thou My Vision

^**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,*

*Today and every day of my life.*

^**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)*

