

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

The United Church of Canada

February 16, 2020-6th Sunday after Epiphany



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“GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME”

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

(^) means, please stand, **(Bold Print - Congregation Response)**

LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCHES

^CHORAL INTROIT: *(In Unison)* (MV#115)

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. (sung twice)

^CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)*

As you come to worship what do you seek? *Life!*

Where do you seek it? *Everywhere!*

Have you found it? *Sometimes. In some places.*

Who are you that you seek this life?

We are beloved children of God,

blessed by our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Then, people of God, seek life in this place, seek life in this time,

and know that no matter who you are—no matter where you come from—you are welcome here.

We come seeking new life.

We come seeking sanctuary.

We come to worship our God.

^HYMN: MV#79 “Spirit, open my heart”

OPENING PRAYER: *(Rev. Jamie York)*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *(Roseneath)*

SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (R)

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

People: *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL: “Do I have to choose?”

^HYMN: VU#575 “I’m gonna live so God can use me”

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:21-37 (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: “Being Beloved Community”

^HYMN: VU#681 “Where cross the crowded ways of life”

MINUTE FOR MISSION: “A Way to Heal”

^OFFERING AND DEDICATION: (VU#538)

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,

and the gift of the spirit by which we live.

We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.

May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts... that we give.

^PRAYER of DEDICATION: *(In Unison)*

Generous God, these gifts are our fruit of all fields.

Each giver has made the choice between life and death,

blessings and curses.

We choose blessing. We choose life.

May God’s promises be fulfilled

through the harvest of God’s garden in these our gifts. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER *(sung: VU#959)*

^HYMN: VU#352 “I danced in the morning”

^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)

The Law of Moses says:

“You can have life or death. Which will you choose?”

We choose life, that we can nurture.

We choose to grow in our daily walk with God.

We choose God’s ways shown to us through Jesus.

We choose to walk that talk all the days of our lives.

^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)