

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE
The United Church of Canada
February 23, 2020-Transfiguration Sunday
Annual Congregational Meeting-Hastings



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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)  
Take a step—and then another—join the mountain expedition.  
*We come as pilgrims. We take deep breaths,  
as we follow the Christ to our mountaintop experience.*  
Behold! Before you is mysterious grandeur.  
*We have seen majesty!  
May we convey this wonder for all eternity.  
We come to worship our God... the transfigured Christ.*

^HYMN: VU#104 “We have come at Christ’s own bidding”

OPENING PRAYER: (Leader)

CHOIR ANTHEM: (Roseneath)

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 24:12-18 (R)  
Reader: May God bless this reading for God’s people today.  
*People: Thanks be to God! Amen.*

REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE: “Finding God”

^HYMN: VU#289 “It only takes a spark”

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17:1-9 (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.*

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: “How good it is to be here”

^HYMN: VU#585 “Jesus bids us shine”

MINUTE FOR MISSION: “A Chicken Farm in Kenya”

^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)  
*Holy Mystery, your glory is astounding.  
When we fail to notice your great vistas  
and ignore your symphonies all around,  
help us to encounter the Holy that is right in front of us.  
May these gifts, both large and small,  
be transformed into hope and courage.  
We share these, our gifts, this day,  
because we have experienced your sacred Spirit. Amen.*

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

^HYMN: MV#209 “Go, make a difference”

**^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)**

Transformed, transfigured, changed:

*that is what we've witnessed in the word this day.*

Transformed, transfigured, changed:

*that is what we hope for in great and small today.*

Transformed, transfigured, changed:

*that is a message we can bring to seekers*

*whom we meet along the way.*

*That is God's promise to all, here and everywhere.*

**^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)*