

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE  
The United Church of Canada  
February 25, 2018 – Second Sunday in Lent



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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)*

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

Let the sea roar, and all it's fullness;

***O Sing to the Lord a new song***

Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it

Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the Lord.

***O Sing to the Lord a new song***

For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth,

He shall judge the world with righteousness,

***And the peoples with His truth. Amen***

^**HYMN:** VU# 331 “The Church's One Foundation”

**OPENING PRAYER:** *(Karen Johnston)*

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** *(R)*

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Gen 17:1-7, 15-16 (Reader)

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

***People: Thanks be to God! Amen.***

**FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:** “Peanuts anyone?”

^**HYMN:** VU#211 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 8: 31-38 (Leader)

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:** "Be Mindful"

^**HYMN:** VU#238 “O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)”

**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# 315 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

^**COMMISSIONING:** *(In Unison)*

*Gracious and eternal God, we give you all thanks*

*and praise with great joy, gratitude and love in our hearts.*

*We are grateful for all the people who have paved the way for us.*

*We give them thanks.*

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*For all who helped us hear the call in our lives. We give them thanks. And for Your Son, who came not to be served but to serve, who came to give His life that all may have life. We give you thanks. Amen.*

**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)*

