

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

The United Church of Canada  
Lent 2-February 25, 2018—Hastings



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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:** MV#115 Behold, I make all things new

*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. (repeat)*

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

Set your hearts on God's call, and not on human desires;

*Come, journey with God in hope.*

Set your minds on the wisdom of God, not on human  
success;

*Come, journey with God in righteousness.*

Set your lives on God's ways of justice, not human ways of  
revenge;

*Come, journey with God in peace.*

Set your spirits on God's hope, peace, justice, and mercy;

*Come, worship God, and follow Jesus Christ.*

^**HYMN:** VU#228 Sing Praises to God

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

**LENTEN CANDLE EXTINGUISHING:**

**PRAYING WITH THE PSALMS:** (Psalm 22:1)

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION & CONFESSION**

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE:** (M.V.#95 How Deep the Peace)

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*How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose wrongs  
are forgiven. How deep the peace, the confidence, of those  
whose hearts are healed. (Sung Twice)*

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

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

People: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

**FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:** "Making Promises"

^**HYMN:** VU#634 To Abraham and Sarah

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 8:31-38 (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:** "Take up your cross"

^**HYMN:** VU#583 Jesus Came, a Child like Me

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:** "Everybody Is Like Everybody  
Else's Family"

^**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)

*Our covenant is lived out through the giving of our selves—  
our time, our talent, and our treasure.*

*May we live that promise of our faith this morning,  
as we present our offering.*

*Bless these gifts as you bless us for your purpose. Amen.*

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

^**HYMN:** VU#337 Blessed Assurance

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

Leave this place to travel the Lenten journey.

*As we go, we will know that covenant with God,  
is the ultimate agreement, and the gospel of Christ is hard  
for us to hear.*

^**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)*