

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE
The United Church of Canada
WORSHIP SERVICE January 13th 2019



Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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

(^) means, please stand as you are able,  
(**Bold Print** - Congregation Response)  
**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCHES**

^EPIPHANY INTROIT:

“Hope Shines as the Solitary Star” (*More Voices 220*)

*Hope shines as the solitary star  
Faith is the inner light.*

*You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,  
and illumine the path-way home. (3 times)*

^CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Rev Jamie York*)

^HYMN: VU#91 “The First Nowell” verses 1,4,6

OPENING PRAYER: (*In Unison*)

*Epiphany God,  
where do I find myself when the Christmas angels disappear  
and no longer sing of peace and good will?  
When the shepherds go back to their flocks  
and the magi return to the east?  
Where do I find myself now,  
when the Christ Child has outgrown his manger bed?  
Jesus calls us to join him at the River Jordan,  
to be baptized with him and receive the Holy Spirit.  
May I find myself at the river, beside Jesus, today. Amen.*

CHOIR ANTHEM: (*Roseneath*)

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 43:1-7 (R)

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

*People: Thanks be to God! Amen.*

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL: “Called and Claimed”

^HYMN: MV#161 “I have called you by your name”

GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:15-17, 21-22 (L)

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: “A belief in new beginnings”

^HYMN: VU#82 “A Light is Gleaming”

^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*)

*Loving God, when Jesus was baptized, the Spirit came upon  
him as a dove. We know that the Spirit is not a bird and that  
our offering is not just parchment paper or even money. The  
dove is a metaphor for so much more than a bird, and our  
gifts are so much more than just cash. They have the power to  
enable compassion, inspire justice beyond us, and even  
enlarge our living, as giving always does. May our offering  
give wings for flight to any who feel stuck, spirit to any who  
feel despondent, and hope to any who are despairing. In the  
name of Jesus. Amen.*

*David Lander, Castleton-Grafton P.C., Grafton, Ont.*

**PASTORAL PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER**

**^HYMN:** VU#101 “Songs of thankfulness and praise”

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

*Jesus came up out of the water of baptism and saw the  
heavens open and the Spirit descend upon him like a dove;  
as we leave church today,  
May we discover that the heavens have opened up for us.  
May the presence of the Spirit light upon us and the world,  
May we be both blessed and a blessing for the world.*

**^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)*