HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

The United Church of Canada 3rd Sunday after Epiphany- January 21, 2018



^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)

We gather to respond to the call of God's love

Thankful that someone cared enough

to share this good news with us.

May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.

Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.

Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.

May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.

We come to worship our God!

^HYMN: VU#79 Arise Your Light is Come

OPENING PRAYER: (Rev. Jamie York)

CHOIR ANTHEM: "When the Wind of Winter Blows" (R)

SCRIPTURE READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (Reader)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

EARLY WORDS: "Who knows what God will do"

^HYMN: VU#271 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:14-20 (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: "Going Fishing"

^<u>HYMN:</u> VU#563 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore 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)

Generous and wise God, may these gifts,

given to support our ministries,

be a blessing to all whom they help,

for in this way the love of God reaches all of God's beloved. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung to #959)

^*HYMN*: VU#657 He Leadeth Me

^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)

As we leave our place of worship,

May the One who is faithful to all,

be with us as we depart this place of sanctuary.

May we be a blessing to every place we go,

And may we receive abundant blessings wherever we go.

^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)

