

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE
The United Church of Canada
January 26, 2020-3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Sacrament of Holy Communion



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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)  
God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?  
*God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,  
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!*  
Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of  
God's holy love:  
*God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!  
Be our guide and our light instead!*  
One thing we ask of God:  
*That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our  
life, and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.*  
Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving,  
for God is among and within us! We worship our God!

^HYMN: VU#81 "As with gladness men of old"

OPENING PRAYER: (Rev. Jamie York)

CHOIR ANTHEM: (Roseneath)

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SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 9:1-4 (R)  
Reader: May God bless this reading for God's people today.  
*People: Thanks be to God! Amen.*

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL: "Light in Deep Darkness"

^HYMN: VU#96 "Will you come and see the light"

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12-23 (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.*

SERMON: "Catch of the Day"

MINUTE FOR MISSION: "Special Days at Camp Whitney"

^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)  
*Creator of Light and Love,  
pour out your blessing upon these gifts  
and upon all who give from their hearts.  
May your blessing rest upon them,  
that they can reach into the depths of your kingdom on earth.  
In the blessed name of the one who calls us to follow, we pray.  
Amen.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table: (Rev. Jamie York)

^HYMN: MV#194 Bread of Life, feed my soul (Roseneath)

Communion Liturgy:

Come, all you who are loved by God,

Come, and be fed with the food that nourishes and is given freely;  
Come, and quench your thirst from the Waters of Life;  
Come, let your spirits be filled again with the goodness of your Creator.

*Lord God, Giver of all good things,  
We hear Your invitation,  
we see Your gifts of life and grace.  
We have come, we have tasted  
and we know God... You are good.*

O God, Who embraces us in mercy and acceptance,  
We recognize those places where we have been hurt and rejected.

*And we offer them to You.*

We recognize those times when we have hurt and rejected others

*And we offer them to You.*

We recognize the ways that we have failed  
to believe in Your forgiving power;

*And we pray that You would forgive and heal us.*

*Help us to live in the strength that comes from Your love.*

Come, you who are loved by God. Come to the table of the Lord.  
Come and eat food for soul nourishment with no cost,  
Come and drink for a thirsting soul at no cost.

*We come to eat, to drink, and our hearts are glad.  
Lord God, our hearts are truly glad,  
and we are filled with thankfulness,  
Because in Your great love You did not abandon us  
in the dark and fearful places of this world.  
In Jesus, You came to us,  
to rescue us, to restore us, and to give us new life.*

And all who are tired and burdened, all who are frightened and unsafe,  
all who are sick and broken, can come and find new life.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us His love:

On the evening before He died, He had supper with His friends.  
During the meal, He took the loaf of bread, gave thanks for it,  
broke it and then passed it around with these words:

*This is my body broken for you. Eat this and remember Me.*  
And, after the meal He took the cup of wine, gave thanks for it  
and then passed it around with these words:

*This cup filled with wine, is as my blood shed for you.  
Drink from this cup and remember Me.*

And now, every time we eat bread like this,  
and every time we drink wine like this,  
We remember Jesus, and His everlasting love.

**PASTORAL PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION: (In Unison)**

*Lord God of World-Changing Love,  
We thank You for this meal,  
and for welcoming us to Your table.  
We remember that we are Your children,  
and that You have called us to share Your love  
with everyone we meet. Help us to receive Your life,  
walk in Your strength, and follow You as your disciples  
throughout every moment of our lives. Amen.*

**PASTORAL PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER**

**^HYMN: VU#79 "Arise your light is come"**

**^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)**

Go now in peace, in courage, in joy and thanksgiving.  
*For Christ's call to us, is to live in peace,  
among our brothers and sisters in Christ.  
To live in courage, calling us out from the safe places of life,  
to be agents of redemption and partners in healing.  
To live in joy and thanksgiving, nourished through Christ  
who is our light.*

Go now then as one nourished body, to love and serve God  
in 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)*