

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

The United Church of Canada

4th Sunday after Epiphany- January 28, 2018

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



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SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (Reader)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL: "How do we know... "

^HYMN: VU#345 Come Children Join to Sing

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:21-28 (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: "A New Way"

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)

Transforming God, we dedicate our gifts

for the health and wholeness of your creation.

May those who receive these gifts be blessed by your love

and inspired to give to others so that your creation

will continue to be transformed by your love. Amen

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Invitation to the Table: (Rev. Jamie York)

^HYMN: VU#469 We Gather Here

Communion Liturgy:

May God be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God

We embrace all that is holy as we say:

Holy, holy, holy God.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,

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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)

Friends in Christ, what hopes do you bring to worship?

*We bring hope for health and wholeness.*

What afflictions do you bring to worship?

*Physical pain... From illness and injury.*

*Emotional pain... From sad and scary life situations.*

*Mental pain... From dis-ease of many kinds.*

With any, or all of this... you made it to worship.

*Yes, because we yearn to know God's powerful love  
and to know that wholeness is possible.*

So come, let us enter this sanctuary with our whole selves

*Hopeful, afflicted, bold, ready to commune with our God.*

Come, let us worship!

**^HYMN:** VU#410 This Day God Gives Me

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

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** (R)

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

Holy God, through the seasons of our lives, we struggle to know you; we wrestle with questions and doubts and what it means to be faithful, to lose our lives to save them, to take up our crosses and follow you.

We try to hold fast to all that is good and true, but even so, we sometimes cause hurt; we betray others, and we are not faithful to our best selves. We long to know your saving presence with us, especially when life challenges us to be brave and wise. We look for ways forward out of sadness and pain, for ourselves and for all people. Like Jesus' disciples, after he had gone from them, we look for signs of your love and strength, signs of life's deep meaning and goodness.

In faith, we find those signs, especially when we remember how, on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood, poured out for you and for everyone. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

*May these gifts of bread and wine indeed be signs and substance for us of your presence within us and throughout creation, and may they strengthen us to live with power and compassion in the assurance of your blessing. Amen.*

**PASTORAL PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Communion**

**Post Communion Prayer: (In Unison)**

*God of promise, God of hope, we thank you for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. In this meal we have been replenished and strengthened. The light of your love rekindled within us. Lead us to live lives marked by truth, and help us to boldly carry your light into the world. May we go from hear to speak your love and to walk in your Way... through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**^HYMN: VU#468 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

**^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)**

As we leave our place of worship this day,  
May we remember the gifts that God can impart to us,

*Warmth in my loving,  
Strength through forgiving,  
Peace in my being,  
Hope in my living,  
Today and all my life.*

**^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)*