

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

The United Church of Canada

January 5, 2020-2nd Sunday after Christmas



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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)

Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New (M.V.#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 of all times and yet beyond time, you call us into a New Year.

*The New Year will bring us joy as we meet together.*

It will also bring challenges. But this is what we know:

*God is with us. We are not alone. We live in God's world.*

Day by day, let us remember the good news that we are God's people.

*And we gather as the people of God. Let us worship God.*

^HYMN: VU#60 "O Come, all ye faithful"

OPENING PRAYER: (Rev. Jamie York)

CHOIR ANTHEM: (Roseneath)

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14 (R)

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

*People: Thanks be to God! Amen.*

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL: "A Good Infection"

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^HYMN: VU#71 "Twas in the moon of wintertime"

GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-18 (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: "John's Christmas Story"

^HYMN: "O Holy Night" (handout sheet)

MINUTE FOR MISSION: "Healthy Babies in Gaza"

^OFFERING AND DEDICATION: (In Unison)

(sung to VU#69 A way in a Manger-Cradle Song)

*With Christmas Day gone now, the season is here*

*The time to have Christmas, throughout the long year.*

*To you God amongst us, our gifts now we bring.*

*We lay them before you, our praises to sing.*

(original words by: Rev Gord Waldie, Atikokan, ON,

words arranged for the Season after Christmas by Rev Jamie)

^PRAYER of DEDICATION: (In Unison)

*Give us, O God, a vision of our faith community for the New*

*Year, a vision that reflects the Way of Jesus Christ,*

*a vision of caring, for the members and friends*

*a vision of welcoming, for those who are searching*

*a vision of serving, small enough to meet our neighbour's*

*needs, yet big enough to touch the crying needs of our global*

*partners.*

*Give us a vision, O God, a vision that reflects the way of*

*Jesus A vision that our offering will help bring to reality. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

^HYMN: VU#45 "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

**^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)**

Go from here into this new year of 2020 knowing that God's joy is yours!

*We go knowing that: God's friendship is clear!*

*God's peace is without limits!*

*And, God's love is sure!*

**^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)*