

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE  
The United Church of Canada  
WORSHIP SERVICE January 6th 2019  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas-Epiphany

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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**

^CHRISTMASTIDE 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 1,3,5

OPENING PRAYER: (In Unison)  
*Jesus...teacher, friend, savior and guide,  
be with us this morning as we pause to worship together.  
We are a community of faith and of faithfulness,  
led by your star into new adventures  
of spreading your Good News.  
Today, as we sing, praise, and pray,  
open us to listen as you give us our instructions  
for the days ahead. Amen.*

CHOIR ANTHEM: (Roseneath)

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 60:1-6 (R)

Reader: May God bless this reading for God’s people today.  
People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL: “No thick darkness.. please”

^HYMN: VU#87 “I am the light of the world”

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12 (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: “They came seeking...”

^HYMN: VU#356 “Seek ye first the kingdom of God”

^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, like the magi, we bring our gifts.  
We bring the work of our hands and hearts.  
We bring a portion of our material wealth.  
We pray that these gifts may be utilized  
in your work and multiplied by your grace. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER

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

^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)

*We entered worship, aware of the light of God  
that shines through the life of Jesus the Christ.  
And now we depart, carrying that light of truth  
into the world, to share and to inspire.*

^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)*



The landscape frozen white,  
the earth in stillness holds its breath,  
waiting for God's footprints.

*The Word was made flesh,  
and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory).*

JOHN 1:14