

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

The United Church of Canada

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany- January 7, 2018



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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**

^CHORAL INTROIT: VU#79 **Arise Your Light is Come** (vs.1)

*Arise, your light is come!*

*The Spirit's call obey;*

*show forth the glory of your God,*

*which shines on you today.*

^CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Responsive*)

We gather in the Light that was before, is now, and ever will be.

**We seek the Light's ancient wisdom.**

We gather in the Light that is God's continuing gift.

**We live into the Light's new wisdom.**

We gather in the Light that is our own, emerging anew each day.

**We seek to share this wisdom,**

**nurtured in the Light from Bethlehem's cradle.**

Let us worship our God and the New year that is ahead of us.

^HYMN: VU#91 **The First Nowell** (verses 1,2,4,5)

OPENING PRAYER: (Rev. Jamie York)

CHOIR ANTHEM: (R) "In the Bleak Midwinter"

SCRIPTURE READING: **Isaiah 60:1-6** (Reader)

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

*People: Thanks be to God. Amen.*

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EARLY WORDS: "A Simple Encounter"

^HYMN: VU#87 **I am the Light of the World**

GOSPEL READING: **Matthew 2:1-12** (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: "Led to follow"

^HYMN: VU#45 **Joy is now in Every Place**

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*)

*Loving God, may these gifts reveal to us and to others  
the Light that is Jesus.*

*And may this Light lead us on  
into new and challenging ways  
of living and serving. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

^HYMN: VU#43 **Go tell it on the Mountain**

^COMMISSIONING : (*Responsive*)

As we leave our place of worship this day,  
*we go and remember that God is there before us,  
God is here beside us, God is the path we follow,  
the light that guides us, and the love that sustains us.*

May all these be thoughts we never forget in 2018.

^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)*

