

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

The United Church of Canada
WORSHIP SERVICE FOR July 2nd 2017



Riverside Service—Hastings Marina

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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*

^**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (*Responsive*)

Come into this time of worship knowing  
that God is here in the waves of the water  
and in the rustle of the leaves.

*We come ready to hear God's Word for us.*

Come, knowing that Christ is here beside and within  
each and every one of us.

*We come with the assurance of this companionship.*

Come, to be set free to respond to the Spirit's work in the world.

*We come to be equipped for discipleship in our world.*

Come, let us worship God.

*We come and we worship!*

^**HYMN:** VU#710 Shall We Gather At The River

1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod;  
with its crystal tide for ever  
flowing by the throne of God?

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.*

2 Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. R

3 Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. R

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3 If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown,  
lift high the blood-red flag above; it bears your name alone.  
Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift.  
I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift.

^ **COMMISSIONING:** (*Responsive*)

Go and invite others into Jesus' embrace.

*We go into the world to live as disciples of Love.*

Go and invite others into the healing power of God's grace.

*We go into the world to live as baptizers, teachers, friends.*

Go and invite others into the Spirit's powerful vision.

*We go into the world to live as prophetic visionaries.*

^**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*

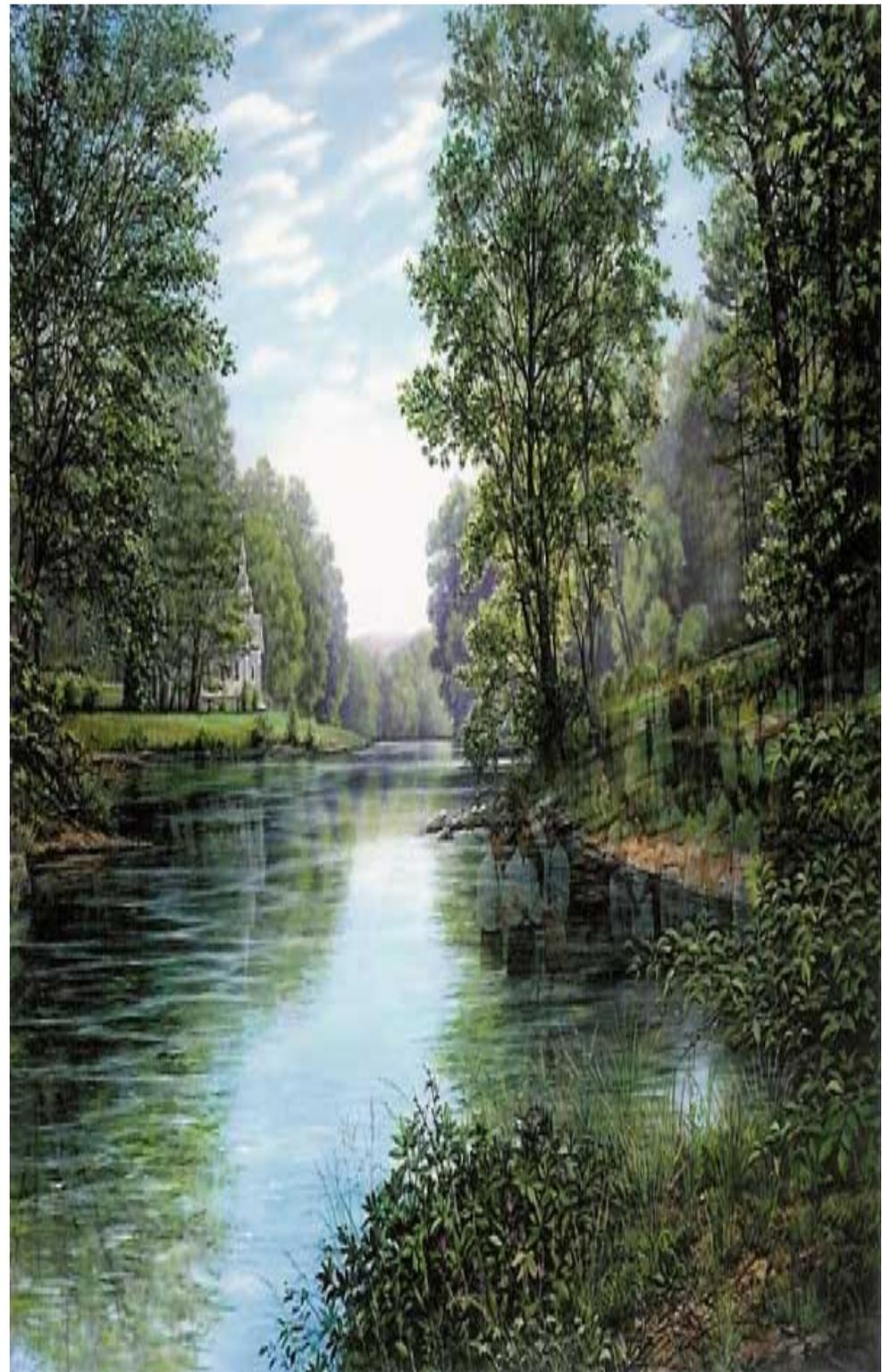
*Reach out to others, so all the world can see*

*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)*





OPENING PRAYER: (Rev. Jamie York)

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Water Flowing from the Mountains”

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:16-42 (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.*

^HYMN: VU#222 Come, Let Us Sing

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,  
we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise,  
so joyfully thank God for our days.
- 2 O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;  
God’s living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,  
strengthened and comforted by God’s hand.
- 3 You dwell among us and cause us to pray,  
and walk with each other following your way;  
our precious brothers and sisters will grow  
in the fulfilling love they know.
- 4 Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing  
to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low,  
let your praises endlessly flow.

SERMON: “The Rewards Program for Christians”

^HYMN: VU#563 Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

- 1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.  
  
*O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling, have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.*
- 2 You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
- you will find there my nets and labour. R

- 3 You need my hands, full of caring  
through my labours to give others rest,  
and constant love that keeps on loving. R
- 4 You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me. R

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

^OFFERING AND DEDICATION: (In Unison) VU#541

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

^PRAYER of DEDICATION: (In Unison)

*Timeless God, you have revealed yourself  
through ancestors of faith.  
You continue to speak to us through modern-day sojourners.  
We gather as people of faith have gathered over the eons, in  
humility and commitment.  
May the gifts offered continue to tell the story of  
faithfulness.  
Gifts that we offer in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER

(sung VU#959)

^HYMN: VU#625 I Feel the Winds of God Today

- 1 I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift,  
though heavy oft with drenching spray  
and torn with many a rift;  
if hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use,  
I'll seek the seas at his behest, and brave another cruise.
- 2 It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears,  
until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years;  
if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be,  
O let me feel your freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.

