



July 8, 2018—Riverside Service

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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**

**^CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Rev. Jamie York*

**^HYMN:** MV#145 Draw the Circle Wide

*Refrain: Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.*

*Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

1. God the still-point of the circle, round whom all creation turns; nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms. *Refrain*
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small; let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. *Refrain*
3. Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before; let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. *Refrain*

**OPENING PRAYER:** *(In Unison)*

*Gracious God, in the rest and renewal of summertime,  
we gather with our community of faith.*

*We praise you for the sights and sounds of summer  
that remind us of your wonder and delight.*

*May this time together fill us with delight  
so that our spirits may dance the sacred story  
and our lips whisper joyful possibilities.*

*All praise and glory is yours. Amen.*

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** "River in Judea"

- 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.

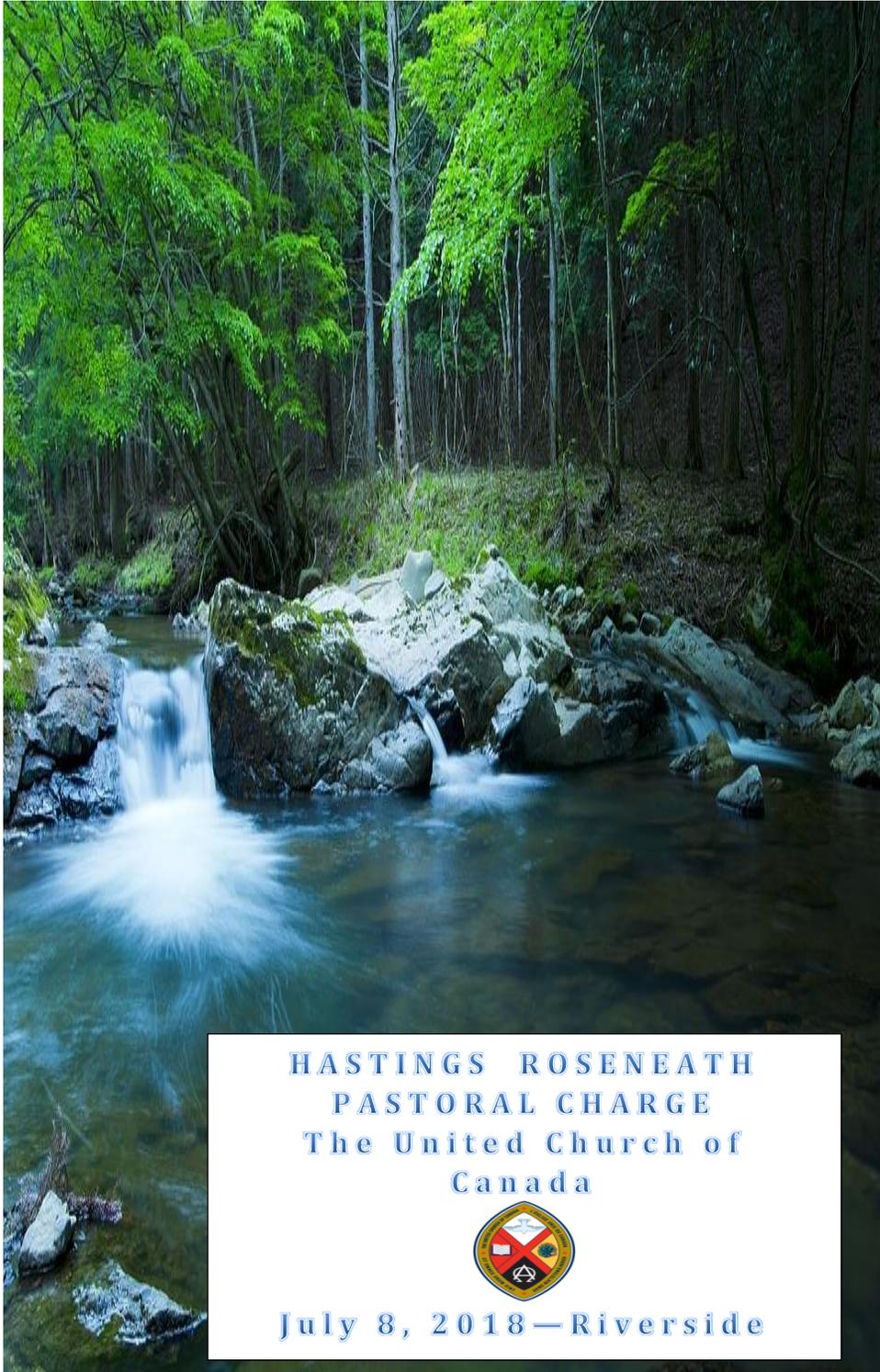
**^COMMISSIONING:** *(Responsive)*

*As we go from our worship this day,  
We go with the guidance and the grace of God.  
We will let our life portray God's word in human form.  
We will show by touch and word devotion to God...  
devotion to the earth...devotion to all life that comes to  
birth.*

**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)*



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**SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 61:1-11 (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#766 Psalm 42-As the Deer Pants for the Water**

1 As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you;  
you alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

*Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield  
to you alone may my spirit yield;  
you alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.*

2 I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy;  
you alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye. *(Refrain)*

3 You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a king;  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything! *(Refrain)*

**SERMON: "A River of Destiny"**

**^HYMN: VU#577 I've Got Peace Like a River**

1 I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.

2 I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

3 I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

**MINUTE FOR MISSION: "Economic Empowerment for Indigenous Women"**

**^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)**  
Compassionate God, we pray that you take these our gifts.  
Bless them... Use them... exercise our ministry with them;  
In our churches, in our communities, in our world. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**^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.