

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE
The United Church of Canada
WORSHIP SERVICE March 10th 2019



Lent 1

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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 WORDS OF CALL:** *Sung to VU#372*  
**Let us press on, to know the Lord;**  
**as sure as dawn, God will appear.**  
**Like gentle showers, to us God comes;**  
**as rains of spring water the earth. (sung twice)**

^**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(Responsive)*  
If the Spirit leads us into the wilderness  
of a life beyond our understanding or control,  
**in the spirit of Christ, let us meet and journey together.**  
If the world judges us as successful because we are rich or  
we are beautiful,  
**in the spirit of Christ, let us hold up**  
**faith and justice as the measure of wealth.**  
If rules and traditions tempt us to resist change  
because transformation is dangerous and unfamiliar,  
**in the spirit of Christ, let us welcome this new day**  
**trusting God's leading us.**  
**Let us worship God. (Wendy MacLean, Christ U.C., Lyn, Ont.)**

^**HYMN:** VU#288 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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**OPENING PRAYER:** *(Rev. Jamie York)*

**LENTEN CANDLE EXTINGUISHING:** --Journey with Jesus

**WORDS OF MEDITATION:**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION & CONFESSION**

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE:** (MV#85 Take, O Take Me as I Am)

*"Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me." (Three times)*

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** "You Raise Me Up" *(Roseneath)*

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 91:1-16 (R)

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

**FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:** "Looking for a Safe Place"

^**HYMN:** VU#343 "I love to tell the story"

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 4:1-13 (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:** "Tempted to Good"

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:** "Embracing the Spirit"

^**OFFERING AND DEDICATION:** *(In Unison) VU#603*

*In loving partnership we come  
seeking O God your will to do  
Our prayers and actions now receive  
we freely offer them to you.*

**^PRAYER of DEDICATION: (In Unison)**

*Not by magic, but through the generosity of your people,  
do stones become bread, O God.*

*Not by gathering power to ourselves, but through serving  
others, do we find the purpose of our lives.*

*Not by upfront guarantees, but through trusting and  
risking, do we live a faith filled life.*

*Thank you, God, for these wilderness lessons,*

*As we share our resources in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**PASTORAL PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER**

**^HYMN: VU#651 "Bless now, O God, the Journey"**

**^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)**

As we leave our place of worship this day, ...

*May we be blessed on the journey that is ours to make:*

*blessed with the spirit of Christ within us;*

*blessed with sturdy companionship and great love;*

*blessed with integrity of purpose to meet the challenges that  
are ours.*

May we make this journey knowing that we are not alone,

that God is with us, and will never leave us nor forsake us.

**^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)*