

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE
The United Church of Canada
Lent 4- March 11, 2018—Hastings



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^**MUSICAL PRELUDE:** *(Leader & Choir Enter)*  
*(^)* means, stand as you are able, *(Bold Congregation Response)*

**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCHES**

^**CHORAL INTROIT:** MV#115 Behold, I Make All Things New  
*Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
beginning with you, and starting from today.  
Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
my promise is true for I am Christ the Way. (repeat)*

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

God, who is rich in mercy, out of great love saved us from  
our trespasses;

***God made us alive together in Christ.***

By grace we have been saved through faith;

***This is not our own doing; this is the gift of God.***

For we are what God has made us,

***Created in Christ Jesus for good works.***

It is not the result of what we do, but by God's grace that  
we do good,

***For God set this to be our way of life.***

Come, worship God, be filled with the Spirit,

***And we will follow Jesus Christ our Lord.***

^**HYMN:** VU#232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

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

**LENTEN CANDLE EXTINGUISHING:**

**PRAYING WITH THE PSALMS: (Psalm 107:1)**

***"O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,  
for God's steadfast endures forever."***

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION & CONFESSION**

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE:** (M.V.#95 How Deep the Peace)

***How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose  
wrongs are forgiven. How deep the peace, the confidence,  
of those whose hearts are healed. (Sung Twice)***

**GOSPEL READING:** John 3:14-21 (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:** "Dark Places"

^**HYMN:** VU#585 Jesus Bids Us Shine

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:** "Thank you Green Bay"

^**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)*

**O Jesus, light of life, ... light in the darkness,**

**we offer this day a portion of our great blessing.**

**Let us give to honour your love in the world,**

**Let us give to honour your truth and forgiveness,**

**Let us share our treasure for ministry in our world. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER (VU#959)**

^**HYMN:** VU#651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)**

As we leave our place of worship this day.

***God's love calls us into community to bless us.***

***God's love sends us out into community to be a blessing!***

Let us go forth from here in peace,

**Bringing the blessing of within us, as we go.**

**^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)***