

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

The United Church of Canada

March 1, 2020-Lent 1

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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

^**CHORAL INTROIT:** *(In Unison)* (MV#18)

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you. (twice over)*

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

Our Lenten journey calls us to venture along the rocky road
of challenge and blessing... of temptation overcome.

*We are guided by ancestors of the past,
who led us with compassion and faithfulness.*

We follow Jesus Christ, who is our teacher and companion.

*Christ is our example, our friend, and our Saviour.
Thanks be to God, as we worship this day.*

^**HYMN:** VU#223 “Eternal, unchanging, we sing”

OPENING PRAYER: *(Leader)*

LENTEN CANDLE EXTINGUISHING: *Theme: Doubt*
READING & CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

UNISON PRAYER:

*God of the Lenten journey, as the flame from this candle rises
to greet you, may it take with it all our doubts.*

*Offer us this day a stronger faith: that you are with us even
though we doubt and question; that you are with us filling us
with power and ability to face the challenges of this life; that
you are with us helping us learn and grow through this desert
time. Amen.*

CHORAL WORDS OF GRACE MV#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.” (twice over)*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *(Roseneath)*

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7 (Reader)

Reader: May God bless this reading for God’s people today.

People: *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

^**HYMN:** VU#310 “God who touches earth with beauty”

SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 4:14-16 & 13:8 (Leader)

Leader: In this reading is Good News for God’s people.

People: *May the Spirit of the Living God be with us today! Amen.*

MESSAGE: “Grace to help in time of need” (Bill Rowe)

^**HYMN:** VU#671 “I need thee every hour”

MINUTE FOR MISSION: “Supporting Ministers Financially”

^**OFFERING AND DEDICATION:** (VU#538)

*For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the spirit by which we live.*

We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.

May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts... that we give.

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

These gifts will be blessed by you, Loving God.

*Blessed through honest questioning, and a quest for meaning,
blessed through encouragement, and serving the least,
blessed through facing temptation, and in common
endeavour. Confidently we offer these gifts, God,
for you have blessed us in Jesus. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

^HYMN: VU#472 “O Jesus, joy of loving hearts”

^COMMISSIONING: (*Responsive*)

Begin your Lenten journey:

We will listen for God's call;

we will respond with the commitment Jesus made clear;

we will endure the hard places and the struggle;

we will rejoice in the victory that lies beyond the cross.

^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)