

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

The United Church of Canada

March 15, 2020-Lent 3



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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)*
God welcomes us today in word and action.
God brings us here to gather in worship together.
Jesus moved about a desert and got very thirsty.
*Our God calls us into that physical thirst
that we might experience a different thirst.*
We are thirsty for the same water that Jesus offers.
*We are welcome to this well of living waters.
Welcomed to share of that living water as we worship God.*

^HYMN: VU#373 “As comes the breath of spring”

OPENING PRAYER: *(Leader)*

LENTEN CANDLE EXTINGUISHING: *Theme: Helplessness*
READING & CANDLE EXTINGUISHING:
UNISON PRAYER:

*God of the Lenten journey, as the smoke from this candle
rises to greet you, may it take with it our feelings of
weakness and helplessness. There is so much suffering—in
our own lives, in the lives of those we love, and in the world.*

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*And yet, through you, we find the strength we need to face our
struggles, find solutions to our problems, and be bold in our
faith. For this we are grateful. 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: Exodus 17:1-7 (Reader)
Reader: May God bless this reading for God’s people today.
People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL: “What am I to do with
these people?”

^HYMN: MV#144 “Like a healing stream”

SCRIPTURE READING: John 4:5-42 (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: “Streams of Living Water”

^HYMN: MV#87 “Water flowing from the mountain”

MINUTE FOR MISSION: “Camino de Emaús”

^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)

*God, you loved us so much that you gave us the Son
and our eternal life through him.*

*Help us to love you so much in return
that we give the very best of what we have
for your work in this world.*

We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

^HYMN: VU#577 "I've got peace like a river"

^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)

As we continue our Lenten journey:

We go from here renewed in the Spirit,

*We go from here strengthened and know that we are
loved.*

*We go from here confident that we can splash in the
pool of living water and we will make a difference in us
and this world today.*

^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)