

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE
The United Church of Canada
WORSHIP SERVICE March 24th 2019



Lent 3

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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*)

A sacred day. A sacred time. A sacred place.  
*We come to settle into this sacred time of worship.*  
A holy word. A holy people. God, Most Holy.  
*We come to open our hearts and minds to holy things.*  
Let us worship our God. (*Susan Lukey, High River U.C. Alta.*)

^HYMN: VU#240 “Praise my soul, the God of Heaven”

OPENING PRAYER: (*Rev. Jamie York*)

LENTEN CANDLE EXTINGUISHING: --Journey with Jesus

WORDS OF MEDITATION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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)*

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CHOIR ANTHEM: “Standing on the Promises” (*Roseneath*)

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (R)

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

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL: “Lead us not into temptation”

^HYMN: MV#8 “And on This Path”

*And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide!*

*So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide!*

GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:31-35 (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: “Never Give Up!”

^HYMN: VU#663 “My faith looks up to thee”

MINUTE FOR MISSION: “Children deserve to be children”

^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)**

*Grown in Your rich soil God, we come bearing good fruit.  
We offer a portion back to You, that it may bless all peoples,  
through our ministry, behind our pulpit, within our  
community and around the world. Amen.*

**PASTORAL PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER**

**^HYMN: VU#120 "O Jesus, I have promised"**

**^COMMISIONING: (Responsive)**

Now as we go into the world, we know...  
*We have experienced Gods' grace and mercy.  
We have been filled by God's Word.  
We have come to know the steadfastness of God's love.  
Now let the words that go out from our mouths  
and the deeds that are lived by our hands  
return to this sanctuary, not empty  
but accomplishing God's purpose,  
succeeding in the things for which God sends us out  
into the world.*

Go then, in the name of Christ!

**^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)*