

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE
The United Church of Canada
WORSHIP SERVICE March 3rd 2019



Transfiguration-Covenant with Elders-Holy Communion

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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 INTROIT: (M.V.#115)

*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. (sung twice)*

^CALL TO WORSHIP: (*Rev Jamie York*)

^HYMN: VU#509 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

OPENING PRAYER: (*In Unison*)

*Our God, we gather here today on Transfiguration Sunday.  
We waited through the days of Advent  
for the arrival of your child, Jesus.  
We celebrated the light of his coming throughout Epiphany.  
Three days from now, we enter into the season of Lent.  
But today, on this special Sunday, we pray  
that we may see Christ transfigured before us  
and that we will be transformed by your grace  
to prepare us to follow Jesus through the days of Lent. Amen.*

CHOIR ANTHEM: (*Roseneath*)

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SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (R)  
Reader: May God bless this reading for God’s people today.  
*People: Thanks be to God! Amen.*

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL: “*Lifting the Veil*”

^HYMN: VU#375 “Spirit, spirit of gentleness”

GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:28-36 (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: “Communing with God”

MINUTE FOR MISSION: “Deepening Ministry”

^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*)

*Transfigured God, as we come into Your presence  
we pray that you will take some of our resources,  
some of our time... some of our talent  
and transform them and us into a lifelong love for You.  
Accept our gifts, we pray. Amen.*

SERVICE OF COVENANT WITH CHURCH COUNCIL ELDERS

Introduction

Statement of Purpose & Scripture Sentence

Covenant Questions & Promises

Prayer & Declaration

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Table:** (Rev. Jamie York)

**^HYMN:** VU#460 All who hunger (Hastings)

VU#471 Eat this bread and never hunger (Roseneath)

**Communion Liturgy:**

Come, all you who are loved by God,  
Come, and be fed with the food that is given freely;  
Come, and quench your thirst from the Waters of Life;  
Come, let your spirits be filled again with the goodness of your Creator.

*Lord God, Giver of all good things,  
We hear Your invitation,  
we see Your gifts of life and grace.  
We have come, we have tasted  
and we know God... You are good.*

O God, Who embraces us in mercy and acceptance,  
We recognize those places where we have been hurt and rejected.  
*And we offer them to You.*

We recognize those times when we have hurt and rejected others  
*And we offer them to You.*

We recognize the ways that we have failed  
to believe in Your forgiving power;  
*And we pray that You would forgive and heal us.  
Help us to live in the strength that comes from Your love.*

Come, you who are loved by God. Come to the table of the Lord.  
Come and eat food for soul nourishment with no cost,  
Come and drink for a thirsting soul at no cost.

*We come to eat, to drink, and our hearts are glad.  
Lord God, our hearts are truly glad,  
and we are filled with thankfulness,  
Because in Your great love You did not abandon us  
in the dark and fearful places of this world,*

*But in Jesus, You came to us,  
to rescue us, to restore us, and to give us new life.*

And all who are tired and burdened, all who are frightened and unsafe, all who are sick and broken, can come and find new life.  
We remember the way that Jesus showed us His love:  
On the evening before He died, He had supper with His friends.  
During the meal, He took the loaf of bread, gave thanks for it,  
broke it and then passed it around with these words:  
***This is my body broken for you. Eat this and remember Me.***  
And, after the meal He took the cup of wine, gave thanks for it  
and then passed it around with these words:  
***This is my blood shed for you. Drink this and remember Me.***  
And now, every time we eat bread like this,  
and every time we drink wine like this,  
We remember Jesus, and His everlasting love.

**PASTORAL PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER**

**PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION:** (In Unison)

*Lord God of World-Changing Love,  
We thank You for this meal,  
and for welcoming us to Your table.  
We remember that we are Your children,  
and that You have called us to share Your love  
with everyone we meet. Help us to receive Your life,  
walk in Your strength, and follow in Your ways  
every moment of our lives. Amen.*

**^HYMN:** VU#651 “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

**^COMMISSIONING:** (Responsive)

As we leave our place of worship this day, we go knowing...  
*We are people blessed by God,  
We are people glimpsing the Transfigured Christ,  
hopeful to be a shining blessing in this world as Jesus was.*

As a transformed people.  
Walk in the light of the transfigured Christ,  
taking the blessing and love of Christ out into the world.

^**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)*