

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE
The United Church of Canada



Christian Family Sunday & Mother's Day—May 13, 2018

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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: MV#7 Gather us in  
Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, gather us in,  
Ground us, ground us in you.

^CALL TO WORSHIP: Rev. Jamie York

^HYMN: VU#395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down

OPENING PRAYER: (In Unison)  
Gather us in, loving God, in the protective shelter of  
your love.  
We come from different places, diverse families.  
We bring different joys, different life experiences,  
different needs.  
And yet, our spirit really only longs for one thing:  
your presence with us,  
your blessing upon our worship,  
your blessing upon our lives.  
Bless all in your name this day God. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: (Roseneath)

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 5:9-13 (Reader)  
Reader: May God bless this reading for God's people today.  
*People: Thanks be to God! Amen.*

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL: "Eternal Spirit"

^HYMN: VU#380 She Comes Sailing on the Wind

GOSPEL READING: John 17:6-19 (M)  
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: "United in Christ"

^HYMN: VU#599 Living Christ Bring Us Love

MINUTE FOR MISSION: "A Life of Giving in Action"

^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)  
Loving God, we pray that you will enlarge our vision of  
family, until it includes everyone who are part of your  
family.  
As family, we are asked to love and care for each other.  
We offer our gifts to support the members of your  
family, because they are also members of our family.  
Receive and bless our offering  
in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (sung VU#959)

**^HYMN:** VU#556 **Would You Bless Our Homes and Families**

**^COMMISSIONING:** (responsive)

And now, warmed by the sustaining memories of family and friends, strengthened by the families we have chosen for ourselves, knowing our membership in the great family of God, we leave this time and place of worship. And we go...  
***with hearts open, with faith stronger, with purpose  
Clearer to be God's family to one another and to God's world.***

***We go in confidence and promise for God is with us.***

***(Bob Root, Peterborough, Ont.)***

**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)***



