**HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE**

**The United Church of Canada**

**WORSHIP SERVICE FOR May 14th 2017**

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**Christian Family Sunday—Mother’s Day**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

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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:*** ***(In Unison)***

**Psalm 91: On Eagles Wings (V.U.#807 Refrain)**

***And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,***

***bear you on the breath of dawn,***

***make you to shine like the sun,***

***and hold you in the palm of my hand.***

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

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

***OPENING PRAYER: (In Unison)***

***God of our mothers, God of family, God of sacrament.***

***We gather as your people, desiring that your spirit***

***surround our hearts this day.***

***With the love of a tiny baby, we open ourselves to you.***

***With the curiosity of a growing child, we search for you.***

***With the joyful responsibility of young parents,***

***we rely on you.***

***Infuse your spiritual presence into each of us this day,***

***such that we can look to you, eternally present One. Amen.***

***MOTHER’S DAY & FAMILY DAY CHOIR:***

***"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry” (by: John Ylvisaker)***

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***SCRIPTURE READING:*  Matthew 3:13-17 (R)**

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

***People: Thanks be to God! Amen.***

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

**Baptism Hymn:** **VU#444 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise**

**Presentation of Candidate for Baptism**

**Statement of Purpose**

**Baptismal Vows**

**Blessing and Pouring of Baptismal Water**

**The Act of Baptism**

**Baptismal Benediction: VU#454 May God Who Creates You**

***May God who creates you give you light;***

***may God who sustains you make you wise;***

***may God who protects you give you joy;***

***may God who surrounds you give you peace.***

**Presentation of Symbols and Certificate of Baptism**

***GOSPEL READING:*  John 17:20-26   (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:*   “Inviting Jesus in”**

***^HYMN:*** **VU#345  Come, Children, Join to Sing**

***MINUTE FOR MISSION:***

***^OFFERING AND DEDICATION: (In Unison)* VU#541**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

***praise God, all creatures high and low;***

***give thanks to God in love made known:***

***Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

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

***Loving God, you have blessed us with the gift of family,***

***to laugh with us, to listen to us,***

***to comfort us, and to stay beside us.***

***Bless these, our gifts, that through them***

***The troubled may smile again,***

***the anxious may be comforted, the needy may be cared for,***

***and the vulnerable may know security. Amen.***

***PASTORAL PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung VU#959)***

***^HYMN:*** **VU#365 Jesus Loves Me**

***^COMMISSIONING : (Responsive)***

As we go from here this day,

We remember those who have shown us the way

and invited us to live as part of the family of God each new day.

***We depart to share the truth we have received***

***To celebrate the love of God, felt through the Spirit***

***and to live with the hope***

***that we cherish being part of the family of God.***

***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)***

***MUSIC POSTLUDE:***