

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE  
The United Church of Canada



Pentecost—May 20, 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.*

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*Gather us in, gather us in,*

*Ground us, ground us in you.*

^CALL TO WORSHIP: Rev. Jamie York

^HYMN: VU#375 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

OPENING PRAYER: (In Unison)

*Spirit of God, You speak to your people in so many ways.*

*In wind and fire... in cloud and thunder...*

*in moments of great confusion and in the spaces in between.*

*In our lives—in the busy-ness and the quiet—*

*help us to hear your voice... Help us to live your love.*

*Help us to be your people... as we worship You,*

*this day and forever! Amen.*

CHOIR ANTHEM: (Roseneath)

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:14-21 (Reader)

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

*People: Thanks be to God! Amen.*

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FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL: "Everyone's hungry for something"

^HYMN: VU#382 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

GOSPEL READING: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 (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: "The Hands of God"

^HYMN: VU#202 O Breath of Life

MINUTE FOR MISSION: "Embracing the Spirit"

^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)

These gifts, O God, are given with our hearts,  
our hands, our spirits.

Accept them as Christ accepted all who came, we pray.

Bless them as he blessed bread and wine and people,

for the coming of the reign of generosity, peace, and

grace. Amen. (Robin Wardlaw, Glen Rhodes U.C., Toronto, Ont.)

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

^HYMN: More Voices #23 Come, O Holy Spirit

1. Come, O Holy Spirit, set the church on fire;

strike it as the lightning hits a posing spire.

Burn away the structures and consume the sham

of our holy systems; Come in Jesus' name!

***Refrain: Come, come, come, in Jesus' name! Take our hearts by storm. All the world lies open; Pentecost is now! I said a- Come, come, come, in Jesus' name! Take our hearts by storm. All the world lies open; Pentecost is now!***

2. **Blow away the cobwebs of our stubborn past.  
Come, send flying from us myths unfit to last.  
Wind of change, refresh us and disturb our calm;  
teach us what true love is, take our hearts by storm. Refrain**
3. **Free us from the babble of our Babel mind;  
spark in us a language all can understand.  
Lighten then our darkness, come and show us how  
all the world lies open; Pentecost is now! Refrain**

**^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)**

We have opened our hearts to God's Spirit on this day of Pentecost.

As you go from this place, into our spirit-filled world;  
***May our breath give spirit life to others and to all of God's creation.  
May God's Spirit breathe into us with goodness,  
and breathe out of us filled with God's love.  
With our every breath and with the breath of all that lives, may we always give praise to 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)***

