

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE  
The United Church of Canada  
WORSHIP SERVICE at Hastings November 18<sup>th</sup> 2018  
Children's Sunday & 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**

^CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

Hey! Sleepy-heads and Lazy-bones, Live-wires and Hay-wires.  
God has given us another day for joy and compassion.  
God has gathered us, as God's people this day.

*God waits for our prayers for our singing hoorays.*

*God waits for our tears and laughter,  
our speaking and our hearing.*

*We wait for God's sign amongst us.*

So now, let us worship our God, found in God's Word  
and God's sacrament. We worship.

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

OPENING PRAYER: Rev. Jamie York

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: Matthew 3:13-17 (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: "Every Day... God Empowers"

^HYMN: VU#340 Jesus, friend of little children

MINUTE FOR MISSION: "Rendez-vous 2017: Be the Church!"

^OFFERING AND DEDICATION: VU#518

*In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.*

*O God, who gave yourself to us, in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.*

^PRAYER of DEDICATION: (In Unison)

*Loving and gracious God, accept these gifts that we offer.  
May they contribute toward a world that is more forgiving,  
more loving, more just, and more peaceful.*

*We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

^HYMN: VU#639 One more step along the world I go

^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)

Go into the world: to dance, laugh, sing, and create.

*We go with the assurance of God's blessing.*

Go into the world: to risk, explore, discover, and love.

*We go with the assurance of God's grace.*

Go into the world: to believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

*We go with the assurance of God's love.*

^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)*

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