

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE
The United Church of Canada
WORSHIP SERVICE November 25th 2018



Reign of Christ & Holy Communion Sunday

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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)

God's reign is coming!

**God's reign is here!**

We live God's reign—

**guided by Christ, the one who is king of our hearts,  
the one who is king of our souls,  
the one who is king of our lives.**

We live God's reign—

**filled by the Spirit, serving in love,  
celebrating life, we worship our God!**

^**HYMN:** VU#213 Rejoice the Lord is King

**OPENING PRAYER: Rev. Jamie York**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: (Roseneath)**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 1:4b-8 (R)**

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

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

**FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL: "Beginning & the End"**

^**HYMN:** VU#356 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

**GOSPEL READING: John 18:33-37 (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.**

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**SERMON: "Jesus, King of Our Lives"**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION: "Yes you can!"**

^**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.***

**HOLY COMMUNION**

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

^**HYMN: VU#457 As We Gather at Your Table**

**Communion Liturgy:**

May it be well with you.

***And also with you.***

Life is a gift and we its celebration.

May we rejoice in the beauty that we are.

***We give praise to God for all that is good in the world.***

***For that mystery of many names, that we name God...***

***For the wise sage and teacher we name Jesus...***

***For the renewing strength and freedom of the Spirit...***

God of winter time, the unpopular, dark season,

God of snow, wind and ice,

God of brisk winter mornings, frosted back lawns and stark hillsides;

of warm socks, coats and gloves, and warm fires,

we open ourselves to all the possibilities life offers us.

So we join our celebration to all people, saying:

***Holy, holy, holy, Creator and Creating God,***

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*heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

We remember the time when Jesus faced difficult decisions and destructive forces:

- in the days and nights of his searching,
- in finding ways to free others from images and ideas that kept them captive and dependent and fearful of God,
- in breaking down social and religious barriers,
- in facing failure, - in facing death.

*When we too experience the winter of our lives may we find the courage to let go and trust in your guiding, warming light... Lord of all.*

And as we eat together at this table

we remember the importance and the words and the actions of all meals in the tradition of Jesus...

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends.

He poured a cup of wine, offered thanks for it, and gave it also to his friends.

And each time he did that, I was to be "In Remembrance of me".

Everyone is welcome to be here.

*In this way, we lift up a world of inclusion, where all people live with respect and dignity.*

Everyone present will receive a share.

*In this way, we lift up a world of generosity, where, as in the examples of Jesus, abundance overcomes scarcity so all are fed.*

Everyone is invited to take a portion, and to see others also receive.

And we all can "taste and see and know that God is good."

*In this way, we lift up a world of sufficiency, where entrenched systems of privilege are challenged, wealth is shared equally, and all are satisfied with enough.*

So in the meal tradition of Jesus

we break and share bread and drink of the cup,

pledging ourselves to allow the spirit that moved in Jesus to move freely in our lives.

**PASTORAL PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER**

(Communion is served)

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

*God of amazing grace, as we approach the cold of the winter months, we stand grateful for your "presentness", with us. In the cold weather we need our bodies warmed, as much as we need our very souls and spirits warmed.*

*We pray this presence of Jesus, our King, in Word and in Sacrament, will strengthen us to follow in the way of Jesus, Wherever we are... Wherever we go... Whatever we are doing. Amen.*

**^HYMN: VU#211 Crown Him, with Many Crowns**

**^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)**

The seasons of the church year come and go.

*The seasons of the calendar year come and go.*

The seasons of our lives change from one to the next.

*The call of the gospel remains constant.*

Jesus' call to "come, follow me" is spoken each day.

*May God give us what we need to answer,*

*"Here I am, send me!"*

**^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)*