

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

The United Church of Canada

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR October 21st 2018



Trinity Hastings United 155th Anniversary Sunday Service

^**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) More Voices #115

Behold, behold, I make all things new,

beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold, behold, I make all things new,

my promise is true, for I am Christ the Way. (sing twice)

^**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive)

We gather, looking back to see faithful paths taken over the years,

Looking forward to see our own paths of faith.

We honour those who have gone before us,

Learning from their successes and failures.

We celebrate who we are today, in this place at this time,

We welcome the possibilities and opportunities before us,

As we gather to worship our God,

the God of our yesterdays, today, and our tomorrows.

^**HYMN:** MV#1 Let Us Build a House

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell

and all can safely live, a place where saints and children
tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and
vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions.

*Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,

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where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. *Refrain*

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:

a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice
meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us. *Refrain*

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone

to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;

let us bring an end to fear and danger. *Refrain*

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard

and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,

let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. *Refrain*

OPENING PRAYER: Rev. Jamie York

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Walking in Sunlight"

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 84 (R)

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

People: *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

^**HYMN:** VU#345 I Love to Tell the Story

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:18-22 (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: (Rev. Judith Borland-Oliver)

^HYMN: VU#326 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

MINUTE FOR MISSION: "Drought in Kenya"

^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)

Generous God, may this offering assist us in many ways.

*In our ongoing ministry in this community, and reaching
out to continue Christ's work in the world.*

*May that work of compassion and care, justice and peace
be extended through our offering this day. Amen.*

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

^HYMN: VU#639 One More Step Along the World I Go

^COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)

As we leave our place of worship on this day, let us go...

*Knowing the key to full life in Christ is not to rise above it,
but to strive and struggle together*

and help one another along the way,

knowing that God is with us in every moment.

^BENEDICTION:

^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)