

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE
The United Church of Canada
WORSHIP SERVICE FOR Sept 16th 2018



Creation Time 2 in the Season of Pentecost

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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)* More Voices #7

*Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, gather us in, ground us, ground us in you.*

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

God of all times and places,  
*we know you in the immensity of the universe  
and in the fragility of a cell.*

God of all people,  
*we know you in the hungry face of a child  
and the peaceful face of a wise elder.*

We come to worship the One who is God and Creator of all.  
We gather now to worship God:

^**HYMN:** VU#395 Come in, come in and sit down

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

*Loving God, you sustain us when our world crumbles.  
You are there for us when other supports fall away.  
Even though we feel like giving up,  
even though the way ahead seems without hope,  
you, O God, are "the rock" that will not move.  
No matter what happens, in our world, in our lives,  
Keep our spirits on the faithful path,  
that Jesus' Way lays out before us.  
May your spirit be with us in our worship of You this day. Amen*

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** (Roseneath)

**SCRIPTURE READING:** James 3:1-12 (R)

Reader: May God bless this reading for God's people today.  
**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

^**HYMN:** VU#357 Tell me the stories of Jesus

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 8:27-38 (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:** "Characteristics of Christ that we need"

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

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:** "Caring for children in Gaza"

^**OFFERING AND DEDICATION:** *(In Unison)* VU#540

*Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully*

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

*Giving God. Your generosity goes beyond the limits.  
May we give as you give:  
to foster compassion, to enlighten through teaching,  
to encourage talent, to empower the rejected,  
to fire up the dejected, to follow the Way of Jesus,  
and to proclaim his saving grace to those who are lost.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

^**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER:**

^**HYMN:** VU#424 May the God of Hope go with us

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

As you go from this time of worship,  
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.

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*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:** (Leader)

**^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)*

