

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE

The United Church of Canada

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR Sept 23rd 2018



Creation Time 3 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)

Come to this sacred place to find God in reverence and in awe.

*We come ready to be inspired.*

Come to this ordinary place to find God in everyday life events.

*We come ready to be surprised.*

Come to this prayer-soaked place to find God in each other.

*We come ready to worship our God.*

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

OPENING PRAYER: (In Unison)

*Creator God of heaven and earth,  
we earth creatures come before you this day,  
to worship, to praise, and honour you.  
You have overwhelming belief in us,  
even though people and society are full of faults.  
May we feel the warmth of your arms around us  
when we stray from your teaching.  
May we use our bodies, minds, and hearts  
as the conduit of your everlasting love.  
May our breath sing your songs  
every time we open our mouths.  
May your spirit be with us in our worship of You this day. Amen*

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CHOIR ANTHEM: (Roseneath)

SCRIPTURE READING: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8 (R)

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

*People: Thanks be to God! Amen.*

^HYMN: VU#642 Be Thou My Vision

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:30-37 (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.*

SERMON: "Things a child can teach us"

^HYMN: VU#365 Jesus Loves Me

MINUTE FOR MISSION: "Advocacy in Action"

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

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

^PRAYER of DEDICATION: (In Unison)

*Generous God, these gifts, represent a portion  
of your blessings to us.*

*We return a portion today to you.*

*May they continue to support us, in our desire*

*To be people who do Your work in this world. 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.

*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)*

