

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE  
The United Church of Canada  
WORSHIP SERVICE FOR Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 2018



Creation Time 1 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)  
We gather now to worship God:  
*God whose love for us, is in all and over all.  
God whose will it is that we love in return freely,  
God whose graciousness allows us freedom.  
God whose love is everlasting.*  
Give thanks to God in all ways in life!  
Come and let us worship God!

^**HYMN:** VU#240 Praise my soul, the God of heaven

**OPENING PRAYER:** Rev. Jamie York

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** (Roseneath)

**SCRIPTURE READING:** James 2:1-17 (R)  
Reader: May God bless this reading for God's people today.  
People: *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

**FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:** "Living our faith"

^**HYMN:** VU#600 When I needed a neighbour

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 7:24-37 (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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We pray gracious God, for those.... (pastoral prayers and Lord's Prayer)

**Post Communion Prayer:** (In Unison)  
*God of bread, God of wine, you have fed us again. So much more is received than just what we swallow.  
So much more is absorbed than just what we taste.  
We give thanks for the touch of a neighbour's hand as we passed the elements, for the look in our minister's eyes as these gifts of God were lifted, and for the unity felt as we ate and drank in together.  
Bind our hearts by the receiving of this sacrament. Bind us tightly to one another here in the body of Christ.  
Bind us firmly with all of creation who do this in remembrance of you.  
Bind us without escape to your Spirit above all.  
In Jesus' blessed name we pray. Amen.*

^**HYMN:** VU#296 This is God's Wondrous World

^**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)*

**SERMON:**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**^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***

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation: (Rev. Jamie York)**

**^HYMN: VU#477 I Come with Joy**

Gathering up all that is good and beautiful,  
God of all wonder and glory,  
you shaped the universe and all that is in it:  
soft summer breezes dancing across verdant plains,  
snow-capped mountains reflecting the sunrise each new  
morning.  
It was your good pleasure to create us in your image,  
it was your glorious grace that filled us with your life.  
Yet, seeing the dazzling seductions offered by sin and death,  
we rushed back to you, imploring you to give us our every  
desire.  
Deeply grieved by our rebellion, you sent the company of  
prophets to lead us back to your heart, but we continued to  
dance with the wrong partners.  
In the fullness of your wisdom, you sent Jesus, to seek our  
faces, and to turn us back to you.  
So now, with those who praise you with song and silence, with  
tambourines and organs,

we proclaim the riches of your grace:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, blessed is the one who comes in the name  
of the lord, hosanna in the highest.

Holy indeed are you, God of every blessing,  
and blameless is Jesus Christ, your Beloved.  
He sets free all imprisoned by their fears.  
He proclaims good news to the poor,  
and challenges the rich to generous lives.  
He gave himself into death's hands  
and was laid into a cold tomb.  
He leaped from the grave, teaching us resurrection's dance.

We offer our songs of joy to you, knowing  
that whenever we eat the bread and share the cup,  
we live out that mystery we call faith:

***Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.***

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray,  
as you gather us all in this place.  
As we take and taste the Bread of Heaven,  
may its brokenness become our healing,  
that we may become hope to a world shattered by fear.

As we share the Cup, may its grace become our fullness, that we  
might empty ourselves to become blessings to those who long for  
peace and reconciliation in their lives.

And when all time has been fulfilled  
and you gather up all your children to yourself,  
with clean hands and pure hearts  
we will gather around your Table in glory,  
singing our praises to you through all eternity,  
God of all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit...