

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
February 18th, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Praise Medley: Cornerstone, Sweet Hour of Prayer, In the
Beginning Was Love, In His Time

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights **VU 108 vs 1**

Call to Worship:

Here is the journey, that moves beyond where we are now. Come,
trust the God whose journey it is. Come trust in the steadfast love
of God.

This is Lent. This is the journey.

Here is the journey, for all who long to travel. Come, for God
makes known love's path, and invites us to follow trusting in the
steadfast love of God.

This is Lent. This is Jesus' journey.

Here is the journey, that takes us further than we have been
before. Come, for God leads the humble into what is right,
surrounded by the steadfast love of God.

This is Lent. This is our journey.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

**Travel with us, God. The journey is uncertain, the destination
is known, and its outcome is challenging to body and
soul. The story is not yet complete, the travelers have not yet
arrived, the horizon not yet crossed. The footprints are before
us, the distance is far, yet there is light out front, and we live
and journey in your steadfast love. Travel with us, O
God. Amen.**

Hymn: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord) **VU 509**

Prayer of Confession:

To you, O God, I lift up my soul.

Don't fail me God, for I am trusting you.

Don't let my enemies have victory over me.

**Show me the path where I should go, O God; point out
the right road for me to walk.**

Lead me; teach me; for you are the One who gives me salvation. I
have no hope except in you.

**Overlook my youthful sins, O God, eyes of everlasting
love and kindness.**

God is good and glad to teach the proper path to all who go astray;
God will teach the ways that are right and best to those who
humbly turn to God.

**When we walk with God, every path is fragrant with
God's loving kindness and truth.**

Assurance of Pardon:

The good news is this: God loves us so much that when we truly
acknowledge our shortcomings and confess where we have gone
wrong, God forgives us. A new beginning, a new life, is freely
given.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children's Hymn: Jesus Loves Me **VU 365**

A Time With the Children

Offertory Hymn: An Offering Song

Offertory Prayer:

**We do not live by bread alone, O God. We have heard Jesus
proclaim this, and we have witnessed in his life, death, and
resurrection a demonstration of its truth. May what we have
offered demonstrate our willingness to live by faith in you.
Accept us and what we do, and may your name be glorified.**

Scripture Readings: Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25 on page 752 of VU
Mark 1:9-15

Hymn: Seek Ye First the Kingdom **VU 356**

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Take, O Take Me As I Am

Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness **VU 288**

Blessing and Benediction