

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
February 25th, 2024 - Second 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 2**

Call to Worship:

We arrive at this moment, in this place – expectant, hopeful,
downhearted, unsure – however we are.

We come to encounter the promises of God.

Trailing along with us is all the life we have lived up to this moment.

We are young and we are old.

We are from near and far.

We bring stories of ancestors with us.

We come to encounter the promises of God.

Here is where we collect ourselves, together here and now. In this
still, singular moment we become ready. Ready to look forward into
the future, filled with promise for us and for all.

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Prayer of Approach:

**We come to you, O God, for you do not turn away. We come to
you, O God, for you have heard our cry. We come to you, O God,
for you live in us. May this time be sacred, shaped beyond this
world, and ready for an encounter. We come to you, O God, for
you come to us in Jesus. Amen.**

Hymn: This Is God's Wondrous World **VU 296**

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon:

O God, we confess that we don't always welcome others into our
community. We like the friends we have. Things change when
someone new comes in. We hold back from sharing our love and lives
with others. Forgive us, O God...

And help us walk in your ways like Jesus did.

We confess we don't always trust in God's promises like Abraham
and Sarah. We forget that God is right here with us all the time. We

forget to talk with God about our lives and our worries. Forgive us, O
God...

And help us walk in your ways like Jesus did.

And we confess that sometimes we even lie about the things we have
done, or about the things that we have not done that we were
supposed to do. But you know the real us deep inside. Forgive us, O
God...

And help us walk in your ways like Jesus did.

God knows us completely, the good things and the wrong things we
have done. Trust God's promise to always love us and forgive us.
Accept God's gift of forgiveness and begin again to walk in God's
ways, like Jesus did.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn: Reflection of Your Light

A Time for All Ages

Offertory Hymn: All That We Have

Offertory Prayer:

**We are not ashamed of you, O God; rather, we are in awe of all
you have done for us, and continue to do for all your people. And
so we bring you these gifts of our hands and hearts, and ask you
to bless them. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22 on **page 746 of VU, Parts 3 & 4**
Mark 8:31-38

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

Meditation

Ministry of Music: 'River in Judea'

Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: When Two or Three Are Gathered

Hymn: O Love, How Deep **VU 348**

Blessing and Benediction