

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
March 10th, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Praise Medley: If God Is For Us, Living in the Light

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights **VU 108 vs 4**

Call to Worship:

Gather us in from the lands, loving God:

**from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Gather us in from other lands and other waters.

**Be with us here in this moment, and in all places
where we go. Amen.**

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

May this be a place to celebrate your presence.

May we tell stories:

**of you finding us when we are at our lowest,
of you reaching us when we feel excluded,
of you holding us when everyone else has let go,
of you bringing us in when we fall apart,
of you touching us when we feel broken,
of you calling us when we feel unworthy.**

**May this be a place to celebrate your presence and show
the world your steadfast love for all. Amen.**

Hymn: Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love **VU 574**

Lighting the Lenten Candle

Prayer of Confession:

Give thanks to God for God is good. God's steadfast love endures for all time.

When we turn to other loyalties, turn our hearts to you, O God, and back towards your measure of balance.

Give thanks to God for God is good. God's steadfast love endures for all time.

When we turn to material gain for satisfaction, turn our eyes to you, O God, and back towards your provision for sharing.

Give thanks to God for God is good. God's steadfast love endures for all time.

When we silence the voices for justice, turn our ears to you, O God, and back towards your word of truth.

Give thanks to God for God is good. God's steadfast love endures for all time.

When we neglect kindness and love, turn our hands to you, O God, and back towards your way of service.

Give thanks to God for God is good. God's steadfast love endures for all time. (silent reflection)

Words of Assurance:

Hearing our confession, Love grows forgiveness. Seeing our vulnerability, Love becomes our redemption. Feeling for our dying, Love promises life. Listening to our struggle, Love nurtures new life in us.

Though we live in brokenness, God's steadfast love endures for all time. Amen.

Hymn: Jesus Loves Me **VU 365**

A Time for All Ages

Offering Hymn: For Food in a World **VU 551**

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Take our gifts, gracious God, and use them to proclaim your truth in the hearts of all people. Amen.

Sharing Scripture: Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107 **page 831 of VU Parts 1 & 2**
John 3:14-21

Hymn: Shout to the North

Meditation

Ministry of Music: Gloria

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Maranatha

Hymn: When We All Get to Heaven

Blessing and Benediction