

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
March 17th, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Praise Medley: Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary
Heaven Is in My Heart

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights **VU 108 v 5**

Call to Worship:

The days are surely coming, says God, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

This is the time to begin anew.

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

This is the time to begin anew.

With my whole heart I will seek you.

This is the time to begin anew.

Come, let us worship God.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Deep in our hearts, O God, we are known by you. Every crevice of our past, every heartbeat of our present is known and loved by you. Inscribe in us the desire to know you, too, and knowing you, may we live more fully as your people. Amen.

Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah **VU 651**

Lighting the Lenten Candle

Minute for Mission

Prayer of Confession:

Look on me with a heart of mercy, O God, according to Your generous love.

According to Your great compassion, wipe out every consequence of my shameful crimes.

Thoroughly wash me, inside and out, of all my crooked deeds. Cleanse me from my sins.

For I am fully aware of all I have done wrong, and my guilt is there, staring me in the face.

It was against You, only You, that I sinned, for I have done what You say is wrong, right before Your eyes.

So when You speak, You are in the right.

When You judge, Your judgments are pure and true.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; restore within me a sense of being brand new.

Do not throw me far away from Your presence, and do not remove Your Holy Spirit from me.

Give back to me the deep delight of being saved by You; let Your willing Spirit sustain me.

(silent reflection)

Words of Assurance:

"I will forgive your wrongdoing, and never again remember your sins," says our God. So, friends, know that you are forgiven by God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Hymn: Love Can Change the World

A Time for All Ages

Offering Hymn: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
VU 541

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

In joyous submission to you, loving God, we present these gifts. Take them and use them for your work, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51 **on page 776 of VU R1**
John 12:20-33

Hymn: How Firm a Foundation **VU 660**

Meditation

Ministry of Music: 'Lamb of God'

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Kum Ba Yah

Hymn: Joy Comes with the Dawn **VU 166**

Blessing and Benediction