

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Praise Medley: I Come to The Cross, Standing on the Promises,
Let Us Build a House, Build Your Kingdom Here

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights **VU 108 vs 3**

Call to Worship:

The heavens are telling of the glory of God, and the firmament
proclaims God's handiwork.

All of creation exists within the law of love.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares
knowledge.

All of creation exists within the law of love.

There is no speech, nor are there words, their voice is not heard.

All of creation exists within the law of love.

There are the laws we proclaim

and the silent laws of the cosmos.

May we find ourselves within the law of love.

This is the time to begin anew.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

**The heavens sing out your glory, O God, and your grace
shines new each day. Help us to live out such grace in our
harmony with one another, and experience again the wonder
of your presence in every person we encounter; in Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy **VU 315**

Lighting the third Lenten Candle

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Table-turner, Truth-teller, we feel your lash, your lashing out.
You shatter our stained-glass sanctity, puncture our piety,
torch our temples, send us scurrying to the street.**

Who are you Jesus? What do you want of us?

What do you want of me? (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon:

God enters into the deepest, striving for good within each one of
us, and gives us the strength and the will to follow. Be assured,
your sin is forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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Amen.

Hymn: Jesus Bids Us Shine **VU 585**

A Time for All Ages

Offering Hymn: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

**You have given us amazing gifts, loving God, such as your
Torah, which is sweeter than honey and worth more than gold.
Now we give you a little of what we have – gifts to further your
reign on earth. Take them and use them, we pray in Jesus'
name. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19 **on page 740 of VU R2**
John 2:13-22

Ministry of Music

Meditation

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn: I Come with Joy **VU 477**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Wine

Prayer

Hymn: Go, Make A Difference

Blessing and Benediction