

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
SEASON OF EASTER
Sunday, April 14th, 2024

Praise Medley: Be Not Afraid, Christ is Alive

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: I Am Walking a Path of Peace

Call to Worship:

When our hearts stir with insecurity and we do not recognize you among us, we remember,

you alone, O Sacred Peace, are safety.

When discomfort swarms without and within and common words do not satisfy, we remember,

you alone, O Sacred Peace, are safety.

Come and reveal your presence as the bread is broken and the peace is shared so we can remember,

you alone, O Sacred Peace, are safety.

For you have put gladness in our hearts more than when grain and wine abound, and we remember,

you alone, O Sacred Peace, are safety.

We remember you, O Sacred Peace, and we come to worship.

Prayer of Approach:

Christ, you are among us this day. May we see your nail-scarred hands in the vulnerability of this community. May we feel your healing touch in the presence of the body of believers. May we hear your words of forgiveness in the prayers and songs of worship. Having recognized you, may we be filled with new life and a renewed desire to serve. Amen.

Hymn: Children of the Light

Minute for Mission

Easter Prayer:

Gathered in around memories of shared experience and broken bread, we recognize your presence and we celebrate. Between resurrection surprise and the gift of Spirit,

peace be with you.

Confused by lingering questions of one whose story seems incomplete: Who was this Jesus and what difference does he make?

We live with you in the questions. Between resurrection surprise and the gift of Spirit,

peace be with you.

Wondering what the future holds and trembling in uncertainty because of what is asked of us, we await the assurance of you who calls us. Between resurrection surprise and the gift of Spirit,

peace be with you.

In this between time, O God, may we hear your words of peace anew as we celebrate, live, and wait to behold Christ among us. Between resurrection surprise and the gift of Spirit,

peace be with you. Amen.

Hymn: One-Derful God

Children's Time

Offertory: Many Are the Lightbeams **VU 588 vs 4**

Offertory Prayer:

Source of our lives, you have chosen us and invited us to be part of Christ's ministry. You have given us the responsibility of offering all we can for your work. Accept then, and bless the offering of these gifts and of ourselves as a sign of our commitment. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Acts 3:12-19

Psalms 4 **on page 727 of Voices United**

Luke 24:36-48

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision **VU 642**

Meditation

Ministry of Music: 'Mourning Into Dancing'

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Precious Lord, Take My Hand **VU 670 vs 1**

Hymn: Go, Make A Difference

Blessing and Benediction