

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
Season of Easter
April 21st, 2024

Praise Medley: Are You a Shepherd, Oh a Song Must Rise

CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED. HALLELUJAH!

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Jesus, Draw Me Close

Call to Worship:

Listen! The One who knows you is calling you by name, inviting you to be enfolded into community.

We will follow the voice of Love.

You will find here refreshment for your body and soul, and space to rest your weary bones.

We will rest in this place of Love.

A table of community is set for you, and the enemies around and within, and all are welcome.

We will gather with the community of Love.

Come, for all things are now ready.

Prayer of Approach:

Loving Shepherd, through the gift of gathered community, may we know your attentive care, abundant beauty and the power of reconciliation. We pause now and, in the silence, we hear you call each of us by name and are welcomed and enfolded by your love. Guide us, protect us, feed us, renew us, love us. Amen.

Hymn: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks **VU 179**

Minute for Mission

Easter Prayer:

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying **VU 400**

You are the Good Shepherd and we are your sheep. We come in all shapes and sizes, all colours, personalities, quirks and possibilities. In your generous welcome, you open wide the gates of community so all can gather in and know your love.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying **VU 400**

You see our need and respond with compassion: you reach out, and we are healed; you speak, and we follow your voice. Through your loving ways we are renewed as your people and made ready to serve you.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying **VU 400**

You gently remind us that not all your people are present. Some are absent because of health, some because of other obligations, and some have been kept out intentionally and unintentionally. Through your prophetic words bring us back to your way of hospitality where all are enfolded in love.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying **VU 400**

Hymn: The Butterfly Song

A Time for All Ages

Offertory: For All Your Goodness, God **VU 549**

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:

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Psalm 23 **on page 749 of VU R2**

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

Hymn: My Life Flows On **VU 716**

Meditation

Ministry of Music: 'Create In Me'

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Love Us into Fullness

Hymn: Grace Alone

Blessing and Benediction