

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
Season of Easter
April 28th, 2024

Praise Medley: Deep In Our Hearts, Come Fill My World

Welcome and Announcements

CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED. HALLELUJAH!

Introit: Create In Me

Call to Worship:

We come to worship bringing many things: burdens and joys, weariness as well as celebration.

We come to worship seeking many things: comfort and strength, answers as well as questions.

We come to worship hoping many things: peace for the world, hope for the future, life for all of creation.

Gather all our gifts, our desires and our hopes, and let them be our worship this day.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Overshadow us now, generous God, with the beauty and the mystery of your presence. Overshadow us and draw forth from us depth of feeling, truth of confession and power of conviction as we worship, and as we live as your people. Amen.

Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **VU 333**

Minute for Mission

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Covenant God, approach us as we approach you in worship. Wrap us in your steadfast love. Write your commandments upon our hearts. Assist us in putting you first in our lives, God, in honouring the Sabbath and in respecting our elders. Steady us to turn away from idolatry,

misuse of your name, murder, adultery, theft, lies and coveting. Lead us by the hand to live in this world serving you, O God, rather than serving only ourselves. Create in us a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within us by the power of Jesus Christ we pray. (silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon:

The seed that holds our future is watered with the tears of our present sorrows.

Thanks be to God who gives the growth! Thanks be to God who restores us! Amen.

Children's Hymn: I'm A Miracle

A Time for All Ages

Offertory: As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought **VU 518 vs 3**

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Irresistible force meets immovable object. Stone rolls, love is on the loose and anything is possible. Love is possible. Generosity is possible. We are an Easter people, anything is possible. May these gifts begin to make the impossible possible. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:7-21
Psalm 22, **page 746 of VU parts 3 & 4**
Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

Hymn: Let Us Build a House

Meditation

Ministry of Music: 'Holy'

Prayers of The People and Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

Hymn: Draw The Circle Wide

Blessing and Benediction