

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
Season of Easter
May 5th, 2024

Praise Medley: Christ Is Alive, Love Lifted Me

CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED! HALLELUJAH!

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Jesus Name Above All Names

Call to Worship:

Shout your praises to God, everybody!
Let loose and sing! Strike up the band!

Round up an orchestra to play for God.
Add on a hundred-voice choir.

Feature trumpets and big trombones.
Fill the air with praises to God.

Let the sea and its fish give a round of applause.
With everything living on earth joining in.

Let ocean breakers call out, "Encore!"
And mountains harmonize the finale.

Come, sing to God a brand new song!

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

O God, we open our mouths to praise you and you open our spirits to receive you. We open our minds to learn of your ways and you open our wills to obey you. We open our hands to serve you and you open our hearts to love you. We are open to your mystery, O God, make yourself known in us this day. Amen.

Hymn: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet **VU 245**

Minute for Mission

Affirmation of Faith: (unison)

We witness to Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love.

**God is creative and self-giving,
generously moving
in all the near and distant corners of the universe.**

**Nothing exists that does not find its source in God.
Our first response to God's providence is gratitude.
We sing thanksgiving.**

**Finding ourselves in a world of beauty and mystery,
of living things, diverse and interdependent,
of complex patterns of growth and evolution,
of subatomic particles and cosmic swirls,
we sing of God the Creator,
the Maker and Source of all that is.**

**Each part of creation reveals unique aspects of God the
Creator,
who is both in creation and beyond it.**

**All parts of creation, animate and inanimate, are related.
All creation is good.**

**We sing of the Creator,
who made humans to live and move
and have their being in God.**

Hymn: His Banner Over Us Is Love

Children's Time

Offertory: All That We Have

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

These gifts will root us in the faith community, O God. They enthuse us to bring change in the name of Jesus Christ; they inspire us to share the compassionate Christian spirit; they send us out to work faithfully for Christ; they remind us that we are responsible for sustaining many beyond our fellowship; bless them, O God. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Psalm 98 on page 818 of VU R1

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Hymn: He Leadeth Me **VU 657**

Meditation

Ministry of Music: 'Lamb of God'

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn: We Gather Here **VU 469**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and The Cup

Prayer after Communion

Hymn: Make A Joyful Noise **VU 820**

Blessing and Benediction