

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge  
Sunday, April 27th, 2025**

**Praise Medley:** Christ Is Alive  
Soon and Very Soon

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Introit:** He Is Lord

**Call to Worship:**

Praise God with clapping hands;  
**praise God with hands comforting a child.**  
Praise God with silent hearts;  
**praise God with hearts broken for the world.**  
Praise God with electric guitars;  
**praise God with soft piano chords.**  
Praise God with be-bop and hip-hop;  
**praise God with rhythms that don't stop.**  
Praise God with a hallelujah chorus;  
**praise God with a Gregorian chant.**  
Praise God with dancing steps;  
**praise God with feet walking for justice.**

**Prayer of Approach:** (unison)

**Holy God, the tomb has been opened, and we dance into your future. Your life has dawned on us, and we surround you with our praise. You reach out your hand, and lead us into joy.**

**Jesus Christ, you pick open the locked doors of our hearts and come in to be with us forever. You breathe peace into our souls, so we may bring healing to a troubled world.**

**Holy Spirit, you show us our hearts, so we may give love to others. You show us our hands, sending us to serve the needy. You show us your hope, so we may live in your joy.**

**Holy One, who is, who was, and who is to come, hear us as we worship you today. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Joy Comes With the Dawn **VU 166**

**A Time for All People**

**Prayer of Confession:** (unison)

**God of empty tombs and emptier people: when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us and give us a voice. When we find it difficult to love one another, forgive us and give us fresh compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us and seat us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us and fill us with your joy.** (Silent reflection)

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter. Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults and gifts us with grace and hope. Christ comes to fill us with peace, so we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness for all.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** Christ Is Alive **VU 158**

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

**Offertory Prayer:** (unison)

**We could keep our treasures locked up where they never see the light of your love, or we can offer them back to you so that those who live in the shadows of poverty might be fed, those who walk the streets of loneliness find a community, and those who long for peace will bind an end to the violence in their lives. And so we open our hearts and our gifts in joyous praise to you. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:**

Hebrew Scriptures: Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 150 **on page 874 of VU**

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31

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

**Meditation**

**Ministry of Music**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer Response:** Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Hymn:** Grace Alone

**Commission and Benediction:**

God sends us forth with songs of joy in our hearts.

**We will go to sing of wonder to all who are empty of life  
even as we gather them close to our hearts.**

Jesus calls us to step out of our fears into lives of witness.

**We will go to breathe peace into all the broken places  
around us.**

The Spirit teaches us new dance steps of grace.

**We will go to take our sisters and brothers by the hand  
to dance in the streets of the kingdom.**