

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
Sunday, May 25th, 2025**

Praise Medley: Stand in the Congregation
I Can Feel You Near Me God (Jump for Joy)

Greeting and Announcements

Introit: Awesome God

Call to Worship:

God calls us to this place, a haven for healing and hope.

**We come, with the pain of our burdens,
we come to hear God's Word of hope for us.**

Together, we will sing songs of joy;
each of us will hear God whisper our name.

**We join our voices in prayer and praise;
we sing of our longing for new lives.**

Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light;
here we discover that God dwells in us.

And not just us, for God would teach all to love;
God's Spirit would lead all peoples in peace.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

**Loving God, you bless us with all that you have created:
you teach us to swim in the bright crystal water of life; you
cook breakfast for us in that eternal city; you open your
heart to us and will never close its door. We worship you.**

**Jesus Christ, you stand at the door, your hand on the knob,
your coat over your arm, ready to go away. Yet you do not
leave us trouble-hearted, but fill our emptiness with your
peace. We praise you.**

**Holy Spirit, you come to our defence when we are falsely
accused; you rescue us from the school yard bully who
always picks on us; you sit by our beds and comfort us
when the nightmares of life keep us awake. We open our
hearts to you.**

**Holy One, we sing for joy to you, even as we pray with all
your people. Amen.**

Hymn: Holy Spirit, Rain Down

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know
how the anger, the pain, and the bitterness of our lives try
to crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that
Word which can heal us. We want our children to be good,
kind, and gentle to others, and then they hear us call others
names and speak of them with demeaning words. Our
desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us shows
that your peace is not in us.**

**You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new
spirits and new lives within us. Shattered by our sin, your
heart can still heal our brokenness. Your Spirit, living deep
within our souls, can teach us faithful ways. Your Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your
hope, your love. (Silent reflection)**

Assurance of Pardon:

The Word which can transform us is not some idle gossip, but
good news for us. It fills us with forgiveness, equips us for
service, and sends us forth to love others as God loves us.

In our midst, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know,
gives us what we need in order to be faithful, and fills us with
peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn: Out of Deep, Unordered Water **VU 453 vs 2 & 3**

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Congregational Commitment:

Today we receive Autumn Tiller into the family of Christ with joy
and thanksgiving.

**We are members of the Body of Christ and inheritors
of God's promise. Autumn, in the name of Christ, we
welcome you. As a baptized and baptizing church, we
commit ourselves to support you within the
community of faith. May God grant us all the grace to
live out our baptism, nurturing one another in faith,
upholding one another in prayer and encouraging**

one another in God's work.

Offertory Hymn: All That We Have

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

God of love, take our gifts and send them to places we never dreamed they would go. Let us follow your lead and give from our hearts.

We do not only offer our gifts to you, but our community to all who are lonely, our hearts to all who are grieving, our hope to all who have lost their way, our lives to all who are tossed aside by the world. This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

Responsive Psalm 67 on **page 786 of VU**

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 21:10,22 - 22:5

Gospel Lesson: John 14:23-29

Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus **VU 341**

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: God Is Love

Hymn: Shine, Jesus, Shine

Commissioning and Benediction:

With our hearts, we will sing God's praises;

with our hands, we will serve God's people.

Jesus sends us to be with others.

We will comfort all whose hearts are troubled;

we will go to help all who cry out to us.

The Holy Spirit, who is our Advocate, sends us into a broken world.

We will work for justice for all who are oppressed;

we will teach songs of hope to all who despair.