

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge  
Anniversary Sunday  
October 19th, 2025

**Praise Medley:** Across The Lands, You're the Word of God  
Challenged and Chosen

**Lighting the Christ Candle:**  
Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed.**

**Sharing the Peace**

**Announcements**

**Introit:** Come Build a Church

**Call to Worship:**

No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

**For seventy-two years we have kept the faith,**  
no matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we  
do not lose heart:

**For seventy-two years we have kept the faith,**  
no matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice,  
we do not lose heart:

**For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I  
will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip  
them for every good work; and when I will grant  
justice, for I hear their cries day and night.**

**Opening Prayer:** (unison)

**O God who writes on our hearts, you have never  
abandoned us. On this Anniversary Sunday, we are  
reminded of the covenant you have kept with us. We thank  
you for loving us even when we have not loved you. We  
long to behold the day of your appearing, even as we stand**

**now in view of your kingdom, promised and made present  
in Christ Jesus, in whose name we wait and pray. Amen.**

**Hymn:** My Soul Cries Out

**A Time of Confession:**

The new covenant God has made with us begins in forgiveness.  
Though we continually break covenant with God, God remains  
faithful. We confess our sins to God, trusting that God will  
forgive us and remember our sins no more.

**Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on  
your commands and teachings all day long. We do  
not keep your word before us always and in all  
things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding  
truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us,  
we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than  
yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you;  
for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for  
losing hope in your power to transform the powers of  
this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your  
justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and  
word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but  
remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's  
name. (silent reflection)**

Friends, God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of God's  
own mind and heart. In this way, God gives us not just a second  
chance but a new beginning. Believe the good news of the  
gospel: our salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Minute for Mission**

**Hymn:** What a Friend We Have in Jesus **VU 644**

**A Time for All Ages**

**Offering:** In Gratitude and Humble Trust **VU 544**

**Offertory Prayer:** (unison)

**God of generous providing, you have given us so many gifts that enrich our lives. The sacred writings that provide instruction, correction, and training; the gift of the church; covenantal love and faithfulness; your own dear son, Jesus Christ, our saviour; the gift of the spirit, our Advocate. We belong to you, and all that we have belongs to you. Use these offerings, we pray, in service of the justice you are establishing through your kingdom in Christ Jesus our lord. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:** Jeremiah 31:27–34  
Psalm 119 R4 Part Four **VU page 840**  
2 Timothy 3:14–4:5  
Luke 18:1–8

**Hymn:** God of the Bible

**Meditation**

**Ministry of Music**

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

**Prayer Response:** Take, O Take Me as I Am

**Hymn** We Are Called

**Blessing:**

May the love of God dwell in your heart; may the grace of Christ uphold you in faith; may the holy spirit equip you for ministry; until Christ's kingdom, already in view, comes in fullness among us.