

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
October 5th, 2025

Praise Medley: Come Touch Our Hearts
Great Are You, Lord

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

Sharing the Peace

Announcements

Introit: Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope

Gathering Words:

Destruction and violence are everywhere; strife and contention are all around.

The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.

The law is slack, and justice does not prevail.

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How many threats surround us: warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

The needs of the world are so great, but you, O God, are greater still—the One in whom all things are possible. O Lord, increase our faith in you!

Prayer: (unison)

Faithful Lord, present in sorrow, present in hope, allow our lament with space to seek you, that we may not forget that your steadfast love never ceases and your spirit forever flows. Amen.

Hymn: All The Way My Saviour Leads Me **VU 635**

A Time of Confession:

God answers those who seek mercy, salvation comes to those who wait for the Lord. Therefore, let us confess all we have done, and what we have not done, trusting in God's grace.

Merciful God, you have called us to live in sincere faith and to suffer for the gospel. We confess that we do not come before you with a clear conscience. Our faith is clouded by sin and uncertainty. We shrink from your call to live sacrificially on behalf of others. Too quickly, we seek our own ease and comfort first. We confess that in our own lives, and in the church, we rely on our power rather than yours. Forgive us, we pray, for we are fractured and fearful disciples. Take away from us a spirit of cowardice, and restore to us the spirit of power rightly used, of love unconditionally offered, and of self-discipline gracefully lived. In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith, that we may be faithful servants at your table. In Christ's name we pray.

(silent reflection)

The power of God, has saved us: grace is given to us in Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Hymn: His Banner Over Us Is Love

A Time for All Ages

Offering: Count Your Blessings

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Lord, your steadfast love never ceases; your mercies never come to an end. Use these gifts, we pray, that through them, your compassion may be known. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Lamentations 1:1-6
Lamentations 3:19-26
Luke 17:5-10

Hymn: Let Us Build a House

Meditation**Ministry of Music**

Hymn: One Bread, One Body **VU 467**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn: Shall We Gather at the River **VU 710**

Blessing:

May God restore the road before you that leads to grace, mercy,
and peace; may Christ fill you with the treasure of faith and love;
and may the holy spirit help you to live in hope, now and forever.