

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
November 23rd, 2025**

Praise Medley: Here I Am To Worship
Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

Lighting the Christ Candle:

As we light this candle, we are mindful of your love for us and our faith in you. Help us to remember your word and feel surrounded by your presence. As this light penetrates your creation, let our lives impact this world for you. We ask you to help us be a light in this world. Our desire is to reflect your light, be a good witness and point people to your light. Cleanse us O Lord! Make us ready for your service.

My siblings in Christ, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Sharing the Peace

Announcements

Introit Awesome God

Call to Worship:

This is your day

And we shall praise you!

This is your day

And we shall declare your name

Bless us as we meet together,

Dear Lord we pray

Bless the singing of your praise,

**The reading of your Word, the sharing of our
fellowship and our prayers**

This is your day,

And we shall worship a risen Saviour and our King!

Gathering Prayer: (unison)

Dear God, we thank and praise you for the life you have so richly given us. Thank you for the incredible blessing of being your children. Thank you for the intricate and beautiful creations you have made us to be. God, we give you all that we are and ask that we might engage with your Spirit today. We lift our hearts that

you might fill them with new love. We lift our minds that you would pour fresh hope into our thinking. We lift our souls that they may bathe in your grace. We lift our hands and our voices to sing your praises, to worship and adore you our Lord, our great Creator. Today we offer you our whole being in worship. Amen.

Hymn: Build Your Kingdom Here

A Time of Confession:

Beloved in Christ, we come before a God whose mercy stretches further than our failures and whose love reaches deeper than our fears. Each week, we carry burdens—words spoken too quickly, kindness withheld, anger we cling to, doubts we hide, and sins we tried to forget. But God does not ask us to pretend we are whole; God invites us to bring our brokenness into God's healing light. So come—not to be shamed, but to be restored; not to be condemned, but to be made new. Let us return to the One who welcomes us with open arms and who whispers, "Come home." In humility and hope, let us confess our sins before God.

Gracious and merciful God, we come before you acknowledging that we have not lived as Your faithful people. We confess that we have turned our eyes from those in need, chosen comfort over compassion, and allowed fear, worry, and pride to guide our steps. We have spoken words that have wounded, held back forgiveness when it was asked of us, and cling to habits that pull us away from Your heart. God, we confess the quiet sins, the ones we hide from others, the doubts we bury, the selfish motives we try to justify, and the moments when we trusted our own strength more than Your grace. You know us completely, and You call us back. Forgive us, O God. Wash us clean and renew our spirits. Cast out the shadows that linger in our souls and fill us again with Your light. Teach us to walk in love, to speak with kindness, and to live with courage and faithfulness. Shape us into people who reflect the mercy we ourselves have received. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our healer, redeemer, and friend. Amen.

(Silence)

Hear the good news O children of God! Before you spoke a word of confession, God's mercy was already running toward you. Before you named your sin, Christ had already carried it. Before you felt the weight of guilt, the Holy Spirit was already at work, drawing you back

into grace. Beloved, in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Fully, freely, and forever. The old has passed away, behold! the new has begun. Walk now as people restored, renewed, and deeply loved.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

Minute for Mission

A Time for All Ages

Offertory Hymn: This is God's Wondrous World

Offertory Prayer:

Generous and loving God, All that we have our time, our talents, our resources comes first from Your hand. Today we return a portion of Your gifts with grateful hearts, not out of obligation, but out of joy and trust Bless these offerings, O Lord. Use them to bring comfort where there is pain, hope where there is despair, and light where there is darkness. May they strengthen the work of Your Church and further Your kingdom of love, justice, and peace. And bless us as well. Make our lives an offering, shaped by Your grace, guided by Your Spirit, and poured out for others in the name of Christ. In all things, may our giving reflect the generosity we have first received from You. In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Hymn: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation **VU 325**

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Come and Fill Our Hearts

Hymn: Our God Reigns

Blessing:

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, as members of Christ's body you were called to peace. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be blessed and go forth. Amen.