

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH, MOUNT PEARL Pastoral Charge
Sunday, January 11th, 2026**

Praise Medley: Called by Earth and Sky
Water Flowing from the Mountains

Greetings and Announcements

Introit: On Jordan's Bank **VU 20 vs 1**

Call to Worship:

In the presence of God, whose Word called the stars into being,
we stand in awe.

In the presence of Christ, whose arms held little children and
whose eyes sparkled with laughter,
we stand in trust.

In the presence of the Holy Spirit, who stirs within us and
causes our hearts to thirst for love,
we stand in longing.

Before you, God, in search of love and truth and wholeness,
we come in worship.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

**Companion God: take us by the hand and bring us near to
you. Take us by the hand and bring us home: to the place
where the well-springs of life never run dry; to the place
where we can be sisters and brothers once again; to the
place where we can join hands with all, and sing and dance
and proclaim the glory of your new creation and your holy
name. Amen.**

Hymn: Holy Spirit, Rain Down

A Time of Confession:

Search our hearts and minds, O God, as we gather our
thoughts. We bring our confessions before you, seeking your
wisdom.

**Gracious God, you have baptized us with your
forgiving love, but we are slow to offer forgiveness
when we are wronged. You redeem us despite our**

**hurtful acts, but we keep careful count of injuries
done to us. You send your Spirit among us that we
might act with wisdom and generosity, but we have
been too often cramped and narrow. Wash over us
again with your holy love. Send again upon us your
Spirit of holy joy. Give us new birth as children
faithful to you, that we may be truly named followers
of Christ, in whose name we pray. (silent reflection)**

We are a forgiven people.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus **VU 341**

Offering: A Gift From Your Children

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

**We offer our best gifts: our time, our talent and our
treasure, for Jesus gave his best for the world. They will be
used wisely, if the life pattern of Jesus is followed, and the
powers of darkness will be challenged. God will bless our
gifts, as they are put to work in the spirit of Jesus. Thanks
be to God. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29 on page 756 of VU
Matthew 3:13-17

Hymn: I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry **VU 644**

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Gentle Shepherd

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

Benediction