

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge**  
**February 22nd, 2026**  
*First Sunday of Lent*

**Praise Medley:** Standing in the Need of Prayer  
God of the Bible

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit:** Create In Me

**Call to Worship:**

Here is the journey, that moves beyond where we are now. Come, trust the God whose journey it is. Come, trust in the steadfast love of God.

**This is Lent. This is the journey.**

Here is the journey, for all who long to travel. Come, for God makes known love's path, and invites us to follow trusting in the steadfast love of God.

**This is Lent. This is Jesus' journey.**

Here is the journey, that takes us further than we have been before. Come, for God leads the humble into what is right, surrounded by the steadfast love of God.

**This is Lent. This is our journey.**

**Prayer of Approach:** (unison)

**Travel with us, God. The journey is uncertain, the destination is known, and its outcome is challenging to body and soul. The story is not yet complete, the travelers have not yet arrived, the horizon not yet crossed. The footprints are before us, the distance is far, yet there is light out front, and we live and journey in your steadfast love. Travel with us, O God. Amen.**

**Hymn:** O Worship the King VU 235

**Minute for Mission**

**Prayer of Confession:**

To you, O God, I lift up my soul.

**Don't fail me God, for I am trusting you.**

Don't let my enemies have victory over me.

**Show me the path where I should go, O God; point out the right road for me to walk.**

Lead me; teach me; for you are the One who gives me salvation. I have no hope except in you.

**Overlook my youthful sins, O God, eyes of everlasting love and kindness.**

God is good and glad to teach the proper path to all who go astray; God will teach the ways that are right and best to those who humbly turn to God.

**When we walk with God, every path is fragrant with God's loving kindness and truth.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

The good news is this: God loves us so much, that when we truly acknowledge our shortcomings and confess where we have gone wrong, God forgives us. A new beginning, a new life, is freely given.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Hymn:** Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

**Offering:** Your Work, O God Needs Many Hands VU 537

**Offertory Prayer:** (unison)

**We do not live by bread alone, O God. We have heard Jesus proclaim this, and we have witnessed in his life, death, and resurrection a demonstration of its truth. May what we have offered demonstrate our willingness to live by faith in you. Accept us and what we do, and may your name be glorified.**

**Scripture Readings:** Genesis 2:15–17, 3:1–7

Psalm 32 (VU p. 759)

Romans 5:12–19

Matthew 4:1–11

**Hymn:** Forty Days and Forty Nights VU 114 vs 1,2,4,5

**Meditation**

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

**Response:** When Two or Three Are Gathered

**Hymn:** Love Lifted Me

**Blessing and Benediction**