

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge**  
**Sunday, March 15th, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Praise Medley:** You Are Salt for the Earth  
Are You a Shepherd?

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Introit:** Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

**Call to Worship:**

Blessed be God: creator, redeemer, and sanctifier. Almighty and ever-living God, in the quiet of this holy hour we gather, seeking your presence.

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and magnify Your Holy Name. Draw near to us, O Lord, as we draw near to You. Calm our restless minds, lift our weary spirits, and open our hearts to the mystery of Your living Word.**

As our songs rise before You, receive the prayers of Your people.

**Prepare us also to be offered as living sacrifices of praise, thanksgiving and love.**

Let this house be filled with Your glory, this assembly with Your peace, and our worship with the beauty of holiness.

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Gathering Prayer:** (unison)

**God, we are grateful for your presence with us during this Season of Lent. May our hearts and minds be open to the new thing that you are doing in and through each one of us, and in and through this gathered community. May we see with fresh eyes, breathe in the new smells, hear your call, and experience the fresh ways you are inviting us to be in ministry with you. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Open My Eyes, That I May See VU 371

**Minute for Mission**

**A Time of Confession:**

Blessed be God, creator, redeemer, sanctifier.

**And blessed be God's creation, now and for ever.**

My family in Christ, the grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Lord Jesus Christ, who came not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Trusting in his mercy, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**Almighty God, Father and mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and Judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our many sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine majesty.**

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

**Have mercy upon us most merciful God; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve and please you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silent reflection)**

Kyrie Eleison. **Lord have mercy.**

Christe Eleison. **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie Eleison. **Lord have mercy.**

Almighty God, our heavenly creator, who with great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who repent with true faith, turn unto him: have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn:** We Are Marching/One More Step VU 646/639 vs 1, 4

**Offering:** A Gift from Your Children

**Offertory Prayer:** (unison)

**Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we offer ourselves and the work of our hands, that we may become recipient of Your salvation. Receive, O holy God, these offerings, the sacrifice of our hearts and lives. Purify us by your grace, that we who stand in your presence may offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight.**

**Scripture Readings:** Ephesians 5:8–14  
John 9:1–41

**Hymn:** The Lord's My Shepherd      **VU 747**

**Meditation**

**Ministry of Music**

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

**Prayer Response:** Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Hymn:** My Lighthouse

**Benediction**