

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
March 1st, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent

Praise Medley: It's A Long Road to Freedom
Hope of Abraham and Sarah

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Create In Me

Call to Worship:

We arrive at this moment, in this place – expectant, hopeful, downhearted, unsure – however we are.

We come to encounter the promises of God.

Trailing along with us, is all the life we have lived up to this moment.

We are young and we are old.

We are from near and far.

We bring stories of ancestors with us.

We come to encounter the promises of God.

Here is where we collect ourselves, together here and now. In this still, singular moment we become ready. Ready to look forward into the future, filled with promise for us and for all.

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Hymn: Build Your Kingdom Here

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

We come to you, O God, for you do not turn away. We come to you, O God, for you have heard our cry. We come to you, O God, for you live in us. May this time be sacred, shaped beyond this world, and ready for encounter. We come to you, O God, for you come to us in Jesus. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon:

O God, we confess that we don't always welcome others into our community. We like the friends we have. Things change when someone new comes in. We hold back from sharing our love and lives with others. Forgive us, O God...

And help us walk in your ways like Jesus did.

We confess we don't always trust in God's promises like Abraham and Sarah. We forget that God is right here with us all the time. We forget to talk with God about our lives and our worries. Forgive us, O God...

And help us walk in your ways like Jesus did.

And we confess that sometimes we even lie about the things we have done, or about the things that we have not done that we were supposed to do. But you know the real us deep inside. Forgive us, O God...

And help us walk in your ways like Jesus did.

(silent reflection)

God knows us completely, the good things and the wrong things we have done. Trust God's promise to always love us and forgive us. Accept God's gift of forgiveness and begin again to walk in God's ways, like Jesus did.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offering: As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought **VU 518**

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

We are not ashamed of you, O God; rather, we are in awe of all you have done for us, and continue to do for all your people. And so we bring you these gifts of our hands and hearts, and ask you to bless them. Amen.

Scripture Lessons: Genesis 12:1–4a
Psalm 121 (**VU p. 842**)
Romans 4:1–5, 13–17
John 3:1–17

Hymn: Seek Ye First

Meditation

Ministry of Music

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn: All Who Hunger VU 460

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Sharing the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Hymn: Love Lifted Me

Blessing and Benediction