

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
March 8th, 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

Praise Medley: We're The Light of All the World
Peace is Flowing Like a River

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Shout for God **VU 246**

Call to Worship:

The heavens are telling of the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

All of creation exists within the law of love.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

All of creation exists within the law of love.

There is no speech, nor are there words, their voice is not heard.

All of creation exists within the law of love.

There are the laws we proclaim

and the silent laws of the cosmos.

May we find ourselves within the law of love.

This is the time to begin anew.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

The heavens sing out your glory, O God, and your grace shines new each day. Help us to live out such grace in our harmony with one another, and experience again the wonder of your presence in every person we encounter; in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn: I've Got Peace Like a River **VU 577**

Minute for Mission

A Time of Confession and Pardon:

Gracious and Holy One, Creator of all things and of emptiness, we come to you full of much that clutters and distracts, stifles and burdens us, and which makes us a burden to others. Be with us now as we confess our sins.

O God, we come in worship determined to be disciples, determined to walk the Lenten road with Christ. But despite our best determination, our actions fail to follow our words. We stand in constant need of your forgiving love, your power to try again. O God, we come, seeking your ever-renewing Spirit. Guide us through this Lenten season, that we might walk the road with Christ. We pray in Jesus' name.

(Silent Reflection)

God enters into the deepest striving for good within each one of us, and gives us the strength and the will to follow. Be assured, your sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn: Take Up Your Cross **VU 561**

Offering Hymn: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
VU 541

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

You have given us amazing gifts, loving God, such as your Torah, which is sweeter than honey and worth more than gold. Now we give you a little of what we have – gifts to further your reign on earth. Take them and use them, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Exodus 17:1–7
Psalm 95 (**VU pp. 814**)
Romans 5:1–11
John 4:5–42

Hymn: Will Your Anchor Hold **VU 675**

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Hymn: All The Way My Saviour Leads Me **VU 635**

Blessing and Benediction