

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
Sunday, April 12th, 2026

Praise Medley: An Easter Alleluia, Therefore the Redeemed

Greetings and Announcements

Introit: Jesus, Draw me Close

Call to Worship:

Grace and peace to you in the name of God our Creator, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Beloved in Christ, we gather in the presence of the holy and living God, who calls us from the distractions of the world into the mystery of worship. We come as we are: carrying joys and sorrows, burdens and hopes, sins and longings. Yet here, in this sacred gathering, Christ meets us with mercy, speaks to us in love, and draws us by the Holy Spirit into the life of heaven. So let us be still, open our hearts, and prepare ourselves to worship God with reverence, devotion, and joy.

Gathering Prayer: (unison)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the grace of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Thine Is the Glory **VU 173**

A Time of Confession:

Blessed be God, our Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Dearly beloved in Christ, let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God, beseeching God, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us pardon and peace.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. 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, have mercy upon us, most merciful Creator; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(Silence)**

Absolution/Forgiveness:

Almighty God, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live, and has given authority to ministers of the Church to declare and pronounce to God's people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: God pardon and absolve all who truly repent and sincerely believe the holy Gospel. Therefore, let us beseech God to grant us true repentance and the Holy Spirit, that what we do this day may be pleasing in God's sight, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn: Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary

Offering: We Praise You, O God **VU 218 vs 1**

Offertory Prayer:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to offer, the work of human hands and the fruit of your mercy.

Receive them, we pray, and with them receive our lives, our labour, our sorrows, our joys, and the whole devotion of our hearts. Sanctify what we offer, that it may be used for your glory, the building up of your Church, and the service of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:14a, 22–32
Psalm 16 (**VU page 738**)
1 Peter 1:3–9
John 20:19–31

Hymn: How Firm a Foundation **VU 660**

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: May We But Wait

Hymn: Halle, Halle, Halle/You Shall Go Out with Joy
VU 958/884

Benediction