

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
EASTER SUNDAY 11 am

### Gathering In God's Name

**Praise Medley:** Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!  
Because He Lives

### Welcome and Announcements

#### **Easter Greeting:**

HALLELUJAH!!! CHRIST IS RISEN!!!  
**CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED. HALLELUJAH,  
HALLELUJAH!**

**Blessing of New Fire** – (lighting the Christ candle)  
This is the day the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

### Passing of the Peace

**Introit:** Every Morning Is Easter Morning

#### **Call To Worship:**

We believe, before birds begin to sing, dawn shouts:  
**Hallelujah!!!!**

We believe, when resurrection comes, God shouts:  
**Hallelujah!!!!**

We believe, when the gardener speaks, Mary shouts:  
**Hallelujah!!!!**

We believe, when angels fold away the grave cloths, Peter shouts:  
**Hallelujah!!!!**

We believe, when there are no other words to use, Heaven shouts:  
**Hallelujah!!!!**

**Hymn:** Welcome, Happy Morning **VU 161**

#### **Prayer of Approach:** *(unison)*

**God, we are hardly awake, the dawn has hardly begun, the sky has already brightened, and already you have changed things. Hallelujah! Mary has hardly arrived, the dust has hardly settled, dawn chorus has already begun, and everything is now somehow different. Hallelujah. We hardly understand, we hardly dare, we hardly believe it, but you have transformed everything. Hallelujah! Amen.**

**Hymn:** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today **VU 155**

#### **Prayer of Confession:**

Creator God, we move from cruel cross to empty tomb.

**The routines of life have deadened us, but we believe that joy and creativity lie ahead.**

Risen Christ, we move from testing cross to empty tomb.

**We have faced the harsh realities, but we believe that life will laugh and dance and sing again.**

Strengthening Spirit, we move from evil to empty cross.

**Injustice is not acceptable; we believe the powerful ones can too be confronted.**

God, in unity with you we move from hopeless cross to empty tomb.

**Our faith may have been marked by apathy, but we believe our spirits will sing as we go about Christ's saving work.**

*(Time of Silence)*

#### **Assurance of Pardon:**

Christ alive for us,

**Hope revived in us, strength renewed in us,  
pardon received by us, Christ's peace sent to us,  
this joyful Easter morn.**

**Offering:** Spirit, Open My Heart

#### **Offertory Prayer:** *(unison)*

**You, O God, are the Easter One. You are the holy source of resurrection. You are the dancing spirit of life. We offer these gifts in gratitude for hope returned, for the mystery of your grace, and for the promise of resurrection. Amen.**

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

**Scripture Readings:** Jeremiah 31:1-6  
John 20:1-18

**Hymn:** Amen and Amen

**Meditation**

**Easter Prayers and The Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer Response:** Alleluia

**Ministry of Music:** Christ Is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

**Hymn:** Our God Reigns

**Benediction**