

First United Church Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
May 10th, 2026

Praise Medley: Spirit, Open My Heart
Sing a New Song

Greeting and Announcements

Introit: More Precious Than Silver

Call to Worship:

Creator, parent of the human family,
we gather to worship you.

In baptism, we are called beloved children of God, as such,
we gather to worship you.

Friends, neighbours, siblings in faith,
**we gather to worship in song, in prayer, in readings
from your story, in thoughts and reflections. Let us
worship God.**

Gathering Prayer: (unison)

**God, creator of us all, we gather to worship you. We come
as individuals, we come in family units, we come as
neighbours and friends. We come here where we are known
by name, welcomed with all our fragilities and strengths.
We gather with kindred spirits who long to live faithful to
your calling. Guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort us,
and nurture us in this time of worship so that we might be
enabled to return to our daily lives ready to engage fully
with all of your creation. We pray. Amen.**

Hymn: We Are Family

Minute for Mission

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**O God, you know how hard it is to live in relationships, and
yet you call us to do so. At times it is hard to be fully**

**present to our siblings and others in our nuclear family and
within this Christian family. Our patience may be short, we
sometimes don't really listen, we may be tired, or angry, or
hungry, or lonely, or ... whatever it is that keeps us from
loving and caring for one another, help us to know that you
are always with us, loving us so that we may love others.**

(time of silence to offer personal thoughts and concerns)

Promise of Forgiveness:

Through all the joys and all the struggles of living in relationship,
one truth is offered to each and every one of us: God has loved
us, is loving us and will always love us.

**Thanks be to God for this unending gift of love.
Amen.**

Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth **VU 226**

Invitation to the Offering:

God has blessed our lives with relationships - joy inspiring and
challenging. In response to God's blessings in our lives, we are
now invited to share our offerings.

Offertory: Your Work, O God Needs Many Hands **VU 537**

Prayer after the Offering: (unison)

**Creator God, you have blessed our lives with relationships
that both inspire and challenge. We offer these gifts so that
we might continue to build relationships with one another
and with your whole creation. Bless these gifts that they
may bring wholeness and life abundance to all your people.
We pray. Amen.**

Prayer of Illumination:

O God of story, in the beginning you created humankind. The
Bible contains your story of love and encouragement and
challenge, to your creation, to your children, and to us. Today,
may our hearts and minds be open to hear what your Spirit is
saying to us. We pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Acts 17:22–31

Psalm 66:8–20 (**VU pp. 784–785 Parts Two and Three**)

John 14:15–21

Hymn: Shout to the North

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Spirit of the Living God (1st 2 lines) **VU 376**

(For Christian Family Sunday, we will use a paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer found on page 916 of Voices United.)

Hymn: Would You Bless Our Home and Families **VU 556**

Benediction:

In baptism you name us your beloved children, kin to one another. As we go from this place, may we know your love that found expression in the most vulnerable of human form: guide us, sustain us, and empower us to love. Amen.