

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge  
May 3rd, 2026**

**Praise Medley:** I Know that Ev'rytime I Pray  
Here I Am to Worship

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit:** Holy Ground

**Call to Worship:**

We seek a place of calm within the heart of the Beloved One;  
may our shame melt away with grace, may we be rescued by  
Love.

**God, you are our rock and salvation.**

When the winds of instability blow, may our faith be the rock  
beneath us, may Love encircle and hold us steady. We yield our  
spirits to the steadfast love of God.

**God, may your love surround us and hold us in this  
hour of worship.**

**Prayer of Approach:** (unison)

**Creator, you have shaped a place for us made of love and  
held in grace. It is filled with the whispers of the ancients  
who followed you and sculpted our faith. Breathe into this  
place again, that we may know your way, your truth and  
your life. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Draw the Circle Wide

**A Time of Confession:**

We lay these stones down in the name of all who have been  
harmed by religious institutions.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

We lay these stones down in the name of all who live with an  
impoverishment of body or spirit.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

We lay these stones down in the name of the good Earth, which  
bears the weight of human use and abuse.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

We lay these stones down in the name of all who have been  
marginalized because of race, ethnicity, gender, ability, or  
orientation.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

We lay these stones down in the name of all artists, writers,  
musicians, and prophets silenced by the status quo.

**Alleluia, alleluia.** (Silent reflection)

**Assurance of Pardon:**

In the laying down of our fears and defenses, there is room for  
forgiveness and love. The former ways of resistance crumble,  
and we are shaped into a community of creative freedom, of  
spirited living of Alleluia.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

**Minute for Mission**

**Offering:** For All Your Goodness, God **VU 549**

**Offertory Prayer:** (unison)

**Embraced by Loving Spirit, our imaginations hold infinite  
possibilities for making real a mission of love. When we are  
confronted with hostility, may we remain firm with courage.  
When we are misunderstood and challenged, may we speak  
our truth in love. Even as the stones in our hands have  
potential for good or harm, may we continue to use our  
strength – as individuals and a community – for faith-filled  
purposes. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:** Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31 **VU p. 758 Parts One & Three**

John 14:1-14

**Hymn:** Cornerstone

**Meditation**

**Ministry of Music**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

As We Gather at Your Table **VU 457**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Elements

Prayer After Communion

**Hymn:** I'll Fly Away

**Benediction**