

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
June 21st, 2026

Praise Medley: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Heaven Is in My Heart

Greeting:

Good morning and welcome. Wherever you are on your faith journey, whoever you are, however you have come today - you are welcome here in this community of faith.

Announcements

Gathering:

Today we gather as people who are learning courage - learning to trust God in uncertain times, and learning to follow Christ more deeply. Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Introit: God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace **VU 676 vs 1**

Call to Worship:

Come, you who are weary and seeking courage.

We come, trusting that God hears us.

Come, you who feel unseen or forgotten.

We come, knowing we are held in God's love.

Come, you who long to live without fear.

We come to follow Christ, who calls us forward.

Let us worship God together.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Loving and faithful God, in a world where fear often holds us back, you call us into courage and trust. You promise never to abandon us. You walk with us in uncertainty. You hold even the smallest sparrow - and you hold us. Open our hearts this day to hear your voice, to trust your presence, and to follow Christ with boldness and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: Come In, Come In and Sit Down **VU 395**

Minute for Mission

A Time of Confession:

Let us bring our honest hearts before God.

Gracious God, we confess that we are often afraid. We fear what others might think. We hesitate to stand for what is right. We hold back when you call us forward. We cling to comfort instead of courage, silence instead of truth, safety instead of faith. Forgive us. Renew us. Give us the courage to trust you more deeply and to follow Christ more faithfully. (silent time of reflection)

Hear the good news: Nothing can separate us from the love of God. In Christ, we die to fear and rise to new life. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are set free to live with courage.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn: We Are One **VU 402**

Call to Offering:

God is the giver of all good things, the one who fashioned each of us with unique gifts that together make the Body of Christ whole. In gratitude for all we have received, we offer our lives back to God - we share our time, our skills, our money and in so doing, we say "yes" to join God's Kingdom building work here on earth.

Offertory Hymn: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow **VU 541**

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

God of abundance, all that we can offer you stems from your generosity. May the gifts that we return to you become a blessing for your whole community, enriching and empowering us for the work to which you call us. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination:

Holy Spirit, open our ears to hear your Word, open our hearts to receive it, and open our lives to live it. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Genesis 21:8-20

Psalm 86 **on page 803 of VU**
Romans 6:1b–11
Matthew 10:24–39

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

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Gentle Shepherd

Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus **VU 664**

Blessing:

Go into the world without fear - for God is with you. When you feel uncertain, trust that you are not alone. And may the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you today and always.