

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

Praise Medley: Holy Spirit, Come into Our Lives
His Name Is Wonderful

Greeting:

This is the day that God has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Rejoice in the Lord Always **VU 249**

Call to Worship:

We come to give thanks for the Spirit that draws us together:

**for the fresh breeze of summer, the rain that
nourishes new life, the warmth of the sun that gives
health to our loving;**

for holidays and holy days, for friends and family, for a world at play;

**and for the faith that reminds us of the precious
quality of life.**

We celebrate the presence of God in all things.

We come to worship God.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

**Spirit of God, Holy Wind, Fire of God, Lively Energy, anoint
us to be people of your good news: comforted by a healing
touch that we might bring comfort to those who are
suffering; loved by those who surround us that we might
bring love to an angry world; challenged by your truth that
we might bring truth when all is confusion. Shower us with
good news that our lives and your world might be
reawakened by the power of your love. Amen.**

Hymn: I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry **VU 644**

Minute for Mission

A Time of Confession:

In the light of Christ, we see the shadows of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another. *(Silent reflection)*

For hatreds between peoples, for violence among nations, for breakdowns in civility, we pray.

**Why does it have to be this way, O God? What
choices of ours could bring change?** *(Silent reflection)*

For estrangement within families, for tensions among neighbors, we pray.

**Why does it have to be this way, O God?
What choices of ours could bring change?**

(Silent reflection)

For divisions in the Christian Church, for conflict within our own community, we pray.

**Why does it have to be this way, O God? What
choices of ours could bring change?** *(Silent reflection)*

For our own inner struggles with inflated ego, or deflated self-worth, we pray.

**Why does it have to be this way, O God? What
choices of ours could bring change?** *(Silent reflection)*

Words of Assurance:

Hear the promise of God. Through all these times, amidst all these conditions, God offers the Spirit's transformative power for our companion, guide, and hope.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn: Come, Holy Spirit

Offering: Grant Us, God, the Grace **VU 540**

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

**O God, we remember in joy all we have been given. We
return those gifts to you in offerings of money and in the
offering of ourselves and all that we have and are. May our
gifts be used in joyful service in our world. Amen.**

Sharing God's Word: Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65 **on page 782 of VU**
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Hymn: Spirit of the Living God **VU 376**

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Lord, Listen to Your Children
Praying **VU 400**

Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing **VU 481**

Blessing:

May the love of Christ that shines in you shine brightly in the world wherever you go. And the blessing of God, Divine Giver, Radiant Light, and Fountain of Life bless you and keep you always.