

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
July 26th, 2026

Praise Medley: Sometimes “Alleluia”, I Am the Dream

Greeting:

Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands **VU 570 vs**

Call to Worship:

Glory in God's name, and seek God's presence continually.

God helps us in our weakness, even when words for prayer escape us.

Give thanks to God, sing songs of praise, tell of the Holy One's wonderful works.

We trust in the power of God's love to bring good.

Remember: The Holy One keeps covenant with us and with all.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

O God, you are the Lord of creation, you are the Lord of history. In goodness and grace you hold sway over all that is and have the final say in the unfolding of time. You assure us that nothing can separate us from your love – nothing in yesterday, nothing in tomorrow. May your Spirit be with us to lead us in the way everlasting. We ask in Christ's name. Amen.

Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty **VU 220**

Minute for Mission

A Time for Confession:

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor. When words of welcome and openness have not been matched by our practices,

hear our prayer.

When we have been a stumbling block to another's journey rather than a trustworthy companion,

hear our prayer.

When we are afraid of change, and neglect the gift and privilege of love,

hear our prayer.

You hear our prayers, O God, even when words fail us. But you do not fail us. Your love holds steady and welcomes us into greater love.

(Silent reflection)

In Romans Paul asked, “If God is for us, who is against us who is to condemn?” The answer is: no one. Because God in Christ, and God in love, has come out for us, transformation for the good is possible.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn: Seek Ye First the Kingdom **VU 356**

Invitation to Offering:

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” Let us with gladness offer to God the gifts of our labor, life, and love.

Offering: Spirit, Open My Heart

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

By your grace, God of the waters, we can open our eyes to see those in need around us. By your abundance in our lives, what we offer can bring hope and healing to more people than we can ever imagine. By your blessing, others are invited to the waters of life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 119:137-144 on page 841 of VU Part Six

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Hymn: In His Time

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Holy Sacred Spirit

Hymn: I See a New Heaven **VU 713**

Benediction:

Jesus has loved us so that we may love others. Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. May God who has made you a new creation give you the grace to grow in faith, hope, love, and justice.