

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
July 5th, 2026

Praise Medley: Though the Mountains May Fall
Come Fill My World

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Like a Rock

Call to Worship:

There are many ways and many doors that lead to this place.
And God meets us here.

For God has met us and journeyed with us.

This invocation is not a proclamation of God's presence here with us, for God has been and will be always and everywhere.

Rather, we open ourselves to Holy Presence. In word and community, in song and signs.

We enter worship through doors that have been opened for us: opened by God's grace that welcomes all, opened by a community that welcomes everyone.

Let us open the doors of our minds and spirits to Sacred Presence. Let us open the doors of our community to all. Let us open the doors to our kinship with each other and all creation in Christ.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Creator God, the wonder and joy of summer is spread before us. We rejoice in long, bright days, the slower pace of holidays, the warmth of friendships renewed, the call of a loon, the whisper of wind through the trees. Creator God, we praise you for the summer. Accept our appreciation in this time of worship. Amen.

Hymn: Give Thanks

Minute for Mission

A Time of Confession:

Saints, let us trust in God's love for us and confess our sin, confident in God's mercy.

How often, O God, has our response been to close a door: When one came to us whom we preferred to keep out? When another came in need of help that we did not think they deserved? How often, O God, has our response been to close a door: When we encountered a new idea that unsettled or discomforted us? When we encountered a new way of doing things that rocked our comfortable boat? Open our lives and community, so that all may find a welcome. Open our minds and hearts and spirits, so that we do not miss your call in unexpected ways and from unexpected places.

(silent reflection)

God does not close the door for grace abounds with forgiveness. And God keeps opening doors all around for love abounds with possibilities. Forgiveness is God's practice of hospitality, and all are welcomed.

This is the good news of our faith, thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn: Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

Invitation to the Offering:

We are called by God to present a harvest of righteousness - not by virtue of our own works, but by the grace of the one who began a good work in us, and is even now bringing it to completion. Let us bring the offerings of our lives to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn: When We Are Living VU 581 vs 2

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Life giving Spirit, bring to the bones of these gifts the flesh of our actions and the breath of our caring, so that our church and our service to others may come to life in your name. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67
Psalm 45 **(VU p. 769)**
Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

Hymn: How Firm a Foundation **VU 660**

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Come and Fill Our Hearts

Hymn: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Benediction