

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge  
June 28th, 2026

**Praise Medley:** Put Your Hand in the Hand, Down In My Heart

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Introit:** Jesus, Friend of Little Children **VU 340**

**Call to Worship:**

With joy and celebration, God welcomes us to this place.

**How good it is to gather in God's house!**

With joy and celebration, we have greeted one another.

**We open our hearts, to welcome God's love;  
we open our arms, to welcome God's people.**

Together we worship our God of hope and grace.

**Prayer of Approach:** (unison)

**You have invited us to this place, Accepting God, for this is where you want us. Here, we learn to trust you, and to faithfully follow where you lead us. Here, we learn to listen to you and hear the words of life, of hope, of healing. Here, we learn to bring everything to you - even our pain, and our brokenness - that we might be made whole. If we dare to trust this good news, we discover that grace which sets us free: to treat one another as siblings; to use that grace to break down every barrier; and to live that grace in every moment of our lives. Holy One, let us be aware of your presence as we worship you this day.**

**Opening Hymn:** Make a Joyful Noise **VU 820**

**Minute for Mission**

**Prayer of Confession:** (unison)

**In your house, there is room for all; at your Table, we find a place set for us. But we admit that we find it difficult to be as accepting as you, and we find it easy to shoulder others away from your feast. You fling wide the doors to your kingdom, but we are quick to try to shut them to those who are different from us. Your heart is open so that all might experience your grace, and we**

**reluctantly remember our ungracious words and deeds. Forgive us, God of every person: heal our broken lives; mend our fragmented souls. Open our hearts to your vision of the Kingdom where all are welcome, all are affirmed, all are beloved - even as we receive these gifts from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.**

(Silence is kept)

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Can it be any clearer? God has created us to be a family - sisters, brothers, neighbors, friends. No longer strangers, we are all welcome in the kingdom of love, grace, and hope.

**In Christ, we are one. There are no barriers, no differences, no divisions. We are a new people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Baptism Hymn:** Out of Deep, Unordered Water **VU 453 vs 2,3**

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

A New Creed **VU 918**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**Congregational Commitment:**

Today we receive **Tate Smith, Isla Patrick and Townes Patrick** into the family of Christ with joy and thanksgiving.

**We are members of the Body of Christ and inheritors of God's promise. Tate, Isla and Townes, in the name of Christ, we welcome you. As a baptized and baptizing**

church, we commit ourselves to support you within the community of faith. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism, nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer and encouraging one another in God's work.

**Offertory Hymn:** A Gift From Your Children

**Offering Prayer:** (unison)

May the gifts that we offer break the bonds of injustice, put out the fires of prejudice, and embrace the lonely and forgotten, we pray. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Scripture Readings:** Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalm 13 **on pg 734 of VU**  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

**Hymn:** Take Time to Be Holy **VU 672**

**Meditation**

**Ministry of Music:** In This Very Room

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer Response:** Love Us Into Fullness

**Hymn:** When We All Get to Heaven

**Sending Forth:**

Let us go forth to walk in God's light.

**We will show others the way to God's heart.**

Let us go to bring hope and healing to the world.

**With a gift as simple as a cup of water, and as complex as our lives, we will join Jesus in serving those around us.**

Let us go forth to gather up the little ones of our communities into our homes and hearts.

**With the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are no longer strangers but God's family.**