

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
August 16th, 2026**

Praise Medley: Come and Fill This Temple, Deep in Our hearts

Greeting:

Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Awesome God

Call to Worship:

This is the place and this is the time.

Here and now, God waits to break into our experience:

to change our minds,

to change our hearts,

to change our ways,

to help us see the world and the whole of life in a new

light, to fill us with hope, joy, and certainty for the future.

Here and now let us praise God.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Broken, separated, angry and confused. Into our anguish you come, O God. You meet us in all our emotions, and find us searching your wisdom and counsel. Healed, whole, calm, aware. Jesus said, "My peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." Continue to find each of us wherever we are in our faith journey and let us know your peace. Amen.

Hymn: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace **VU 684**

Minute for Mission

Prayer of Confession:

Lord thanks to you the dividing wall of the temple is no longer a problem for us, but the separating walls which we continue to build most certainly are. So Lord, whether we are in the West Bank, on the 38th parallel in Korea, the Ukraine Russian border or a member of an ordinary Christian congregation somewhere, putting up all the barriers common to human communities the

world over, show us how we may begin to take them down. We confess our inability to do this without your help and in many cases we confess our unwillingness to try.....(silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon:

Our praise is continually for you, God. May our lives always show how you have trusted in us from the very beginning, and how we trust in you till the very end. In this trust we know our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn: O Love, How deep **VU 348** vs. 1, 2 & 4

Offering: Many Are the Lightbeams **VU 588** vs. 4

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Generous God, we give you thanks for your great and many blessings. We offer to you and to your world our time, talent, and wealth. May we always use them wisely, share them generously, offer them kindly. In the name of Jesus, our great teacher. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 45:1-1

Psalms 133 (**VU p. 856**)

Matthew 15:21-28

Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee **VU 663**

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Alleluia

Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide

Benediction