

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

Praise Medley: Across the Lands, You're the Word of God
Soon and Very Soon

Greetings:

This is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Announcements

Introit: Beautiful

Gathering:

This is the day you have made, O God, and we are the people
you have made to live in it.

But in order to live, we must worship.

We come to celebrate where your Word touches our lives.

We come in confession and praise

to hear your Word and share our concerns,

**to rededicate ourselves and receive the strength and
nourishment to go forth and live the life you give.**

We come in the name of Jesus Christ.

We welcome Christ's presence with joy.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

**Gentle God, your Spirit touches us like a soft wind. There is
no mistaking your presence in our lives. We praise you for
your guidance as we strive to act justly, care passionately
and love humbly. Support us in our journey of faith, that we
may model your goodness, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn: Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love **VU 574**

Minute for Mission

A Time of Confession:

**Blessed God, you call us to stand with all who are
hurting, all who are excluded, all who are oppressed.
But we have fallen short of our calling. Powerful
forces frighten us, discourage us, distract us from
your cause. Sometimes voices around us have
convinced us there is nothing we can do, that others
are not really hurting, that people bring disaster on
themselves. By your Spirit, strengthen us for
solidarity with all who struggle against poverty and
abuse. Help us to love as Jesus loved. (*Silent
Reflection*)**

**When we know we have done wrong, when we
humbly trust that Christ can make us whole, when we
pour out our love in action,**

Jesus says: "Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you;
go in peace." Amen.

Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be **VU 506**

Offering: Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands **VU 537**

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

**God of countless surprises, once again we stand before
you offering a portion of our financial resources. May these
gifts be transformed into acts of kindness, expressions of
solidarity, and deeds of compassion. As we share these
offerings, we also commit ourselves to the courageous task
of being your witnesses. Grace and mercy are yours.**

Scripture Readings: Romans 12:1-8
Psalm 124 (**VU page 848**)
Matthew 16:13-20

Hymn: There Is a Time

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Hymn: Grace Alone

Blessing