

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
August 2nd, 2026

Praise Medley: Brick by Brick,
I Can Feel You Near Me God (Jump for Joy)

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

Call to Worship:

Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day has been born,
and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

**We know the beauty of God's creation and the wonder of
the human family.**

We gather in our church to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to
pledge ourselves to God's work in this world.

**May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together
may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.**

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

**Gracious and Holy God, we come to you because you have first
come to us. We know you because you have revealed yourself.
Give us in this time of worship a new sense of your Spirit
breathing through us. Lift our hearts with the wings of song, heal
our souls with the balm of prayer, enliven our minds with the
words of scripture and interpretation and newly enable us to
dedicate our strength, our substance, and our service to your
work in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah **VU 651**

Minute for Mission

A Time for Confession:

Gracious God, we open our hearts and confess our sins against you,
against our neighbour, against even ourselves.

**For the wrongs of our minds, our hearts, our hands, our
spirits - forgive us. For our silence and lack of
compassion - forgive us. For our self-love and our self
hatred - forgive us. For our anger and our fear - forgive**

**us. For our part, known and unknown, in the suffering of
all your children - forgive us. For all the times we do not
walk in the way of love - forgive us in the name of Jesus
Christ who goes before us, so that we can know love...**
(Silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon:

God never lets go. God is saving all of us through divine grace.
However, we are, whoever we are, we are all saved in spite of
ourselves by the generous compassion that is at the heart of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn: My Lighthouse

Offering: We Praise You, O God **VU 218 vs 1**

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

**Thank you, God, for making us servants of your work in the
world. Receive these gifts we offer, and multiply what we give,
transforming it into an overflowing abundance to serve the needs
of others. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 32:22–31

Psalms 17 **(VU p. 739)**

Romans 9:1–5

Matthew 14:13–21

Hymn: Softly and Tenderly

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: God is Love

Hymn: Because He Lives

Benediction