

**First United Church Mount Pearl
September 20th, 2026**

Praise Medley: It's a song of Praise to the Maker
It's A Long Road to Freedom

Greetings:

This the day that God has made

We will rejoice and be glad in it

Announcements

Introit: Come On and Celebrate

Call to Worship:

God breathed life into human beings made in God's image.

God called to a runaway shepherd, Moses, to lead

God's people out of slavery.

God, like a pillar of clouds, lead the people through the sea to freedom.

God caused a rock in the wilderness to flow like a river.

God gives us a way when there seems no way.

We remember. So let's give God the glory in our worship today.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

O God, turn our faces, our voices and our lives toward you so we might know goodness, receive what we most need, and share the gifts of life with others. Amen.

Hymn: Spirit, Open My Heart

Minute for Mission

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God, when we get afraid of what lies ahead, we want to go back to the old ways instead of seeking your new way with us.

Forgive us and open us to you.

When we don't see the signs of hope we expect, we complain, we turn to other things, and we blame each other.

Forgive us and open us to you.

When we do have enough, we want even more and, by wanting more, often others have less than enough.

Forgive us and open us to you.

When we work so hard to get something, we forget your goodness and think our lives are what we've done, have, or achieve.

Forgive us and open us to you.

Holy God, our hands are open to receive your gifts.

Assurance of Pardon:

Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Trust in God's forgiveness and power to transform our regret to mercy.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

Hymn: I Gonna Live So God Can Use Me **VU 575**

Offering: For All Your Goodness, God **VU 549**

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Transforming God, we dedicate ourselves and our gifts to moving from conflict – to nurture love and peace in our world; from holding on to what we have – to sharing freely the Good News of your abundance. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm 139:7-12

Matthew 12:38-40

Hymn: Just as I Am, Without One Plea **VU 508**

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Alleluia

Hymn: Go, Make a Difference

Benediction