

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
September 6th, 2026

Praise Medley: Worship the Lord
Down to the River to Pray

Greeting

Announcements

Introit: You Are Holy

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

The light of Christ shines among us, guiding us into paths of peace, calling us into communities of grace, and leading us toward reconciliation.

Thanks be to God.

Gathering:

Come, people of God, called from many places and gathered into one community.

We come seeking God's presence and God's peace.

Come, burdened by the brokenness of the world and of our own hearts.

Trusting in God's mercy and healing.

Come, called to love our neighbours and even those with whom we struggle.

We come to learn the way of Christ.

Let us worship God.

We gather in joy and gratitude.

Opening Prayer: (unison)

Holy God, you call us into community, teach us the ways of justice and guide us along the path of love. Gather us now in your Spirit. Open our hearts to your word, renew our minds with your wisdom, and strengthen us for faithful service. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet **VU 245**

Minute for Mission

A Time of Confession: (unison)

Gracious God, you call us to love one another, yet too often we carry resentment. You call us to seek reconciliation, yet we avoid difficult conversations. You call us to build community, yet we sometimes divide and exclude. Forgive us when we fail to listen. Forgive us when pride outweighs compassion. Forgive us when fear prevents us from seeking peace. Create in us clean hearts, renew good spirits within us, and teach us again the way of Christ.

(Silent reflection)

Assurance of Grace:

Hear the good news: God's love is steadfast and enduring. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and empowered to begin again

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn: We are One **VU 402**

Offering: All Poor Ones and Humble **VU 68 (refrain)**

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

All power and authority are yours, O God. You have chosen to shower us with your blessings and care. Accept and bless these offerings we bring and, with them, our lives - that your love and justice may be lived out more fully for all to see and experience.

Scripture Readings: Exodus 12:1–14
Psalm 149 (**VU page 873**)
Romans 13:8–14
Matthew 18:15–20

Hymn: Sing a New Song

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Spirit of the Living God

Hymn: By Our Love

Blessing