

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
October 18th, 2026

Praise Medley: Share the Message
I Have Called You by Your Name

Welcome

Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle and the Passing of the Peace:

The light of Christ is with us.

Here. Now. In this place.

In Christ, although we are many, we are one.

**Let our hospitality towards each other reflect
God's love.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Introit: Take Up His Song

Call to Worship:

Each morning, God's grace awakens us. Each evening, God's peace cradles us.

**Compassion is our constant companion, as we go
through work, school, the day.**

In every moment, God is present with us; God whispers words which can change our lives.

**Justice is our faithful teacher, pointing to where we
can carry out fairness.**

When we find ourselves groping in the shadows, God's light will provide a way home.

**We turn the corner, and hope is waiting for us; we
return home, and find a feast prepared.**

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Steadfast Hope: when we want to make all the rules so we can win every game, you call us to your side, put your arm around us and whisper, 'play fair!' When we tremble in fear, worried that our lives are about to crash to the bottom, you place us in the hollow of your heart, and give us safety.

Word of Joy: when we would follow those who pretend to be our saviours to achieve their own ends, you remind us that we have been chosen to be examples of faith to others. When we would fill our pockets with the treasures of temptation, you ask us to empty them, so we can become servants of hope.

Crafter of Faith: when others judge us on our backgrounds, education and looks, you teach us how to treat all people as equal, to welcome each person as our sister or brother. When we wonder how our needs, our hopes, our lives will be made known to God, you mention us, by name, in all your prayers.

Holy One, we know you as Glory, Grace and Goodness, this day we lift our prayers to you as we come together in worship. Amen.

Hymn: We Are Called

A Time for All Ages

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Great Lover of Justice, hear our prayers: called to treat all people equally, we take sides and pick favourites; chosen to be your children, we arrogantly assume others are not so honoured; challenged to be examples of faith, we reveal our worst natures to our families and friends.

Forgive us, Giver of Rest. Enable us to stop putting you to the test, so we can open our hypocritical hearts to your healing touch of compassion and hope. As Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, has given all for us, may we give ourselves to you - confidently, completely, faithfully.

(Silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the good news: the One who created goodness and beauty is also the One who shows no partiality, but offers grace and peace to all.

**God has heard our prayers and done the very thing
we asked - forgiven us, healed us, restored us.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: In Gratitude and Humble Trust

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

**You do not choose favourites, Holy God, but pour out your
blessings on all your children, trusting that we will empty
our hearts, our lives, our treasure in meeting the needs of
those around us. Bless these gifts, and use them to bring
healing and hope to your people. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Exodus 33:12-23
Responsive Psalm 99 **(VU page 819)**
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

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

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Gentle Shepherd

Hymn: Come, We That Love **VU 714**

Commissioning and Benediction:

Go forth now, filled with God's grace.

We will cradle others in God's peace.

Go forth now, with the words that can transform the world.

We will go to speak up for those who are not heard.

Go forth now, taking the Light of God into the world.

**We will go into every shadowed corner with hope
lighting the way.**