

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
October 4th, 2026

Praise Medley: This Is the Day, Cornerstone

Greeting:

This is the day that God has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Follow Me

Call to Worship:

This day we join with brothers and sisters around the world sharing in the special meal of Jesus.

God's love makes us a family!

In different places, in different languages, God's people share in worship and sacrament.

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In different styles and different forms, God's people offer prayers and praise.

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Come, let's celebrate the love of God in our worship today.

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Prayer of Approach: (unison)

We come before you, God, unable to fully understand the sufferings of the people closest to us, let alone all around the world. Yet on this world wide communion Sunday, we would stand side by side, heart to heart, with all our brothers and sisters of the planet. We stand, recognizing you as the Lord of all life, the God of us all. We are in awe of you and of the healing work you call us to do. Be with us in this time of worship. Amen.

Hymn: Called by Earth and Sky

A Time of Confession:

Creator God, this earth is your gift to us. Within it is the promise of food for the world. But we confess we have turned the promise into poverty, and the hope into hunger.

Forgive us, teach us, heal us.

Creator God, this world is your bequest to us. Within it is a need for effort and work, but we confess we have turned the effort into greed, and the work into slavery.

Forgive us, teach us, heal us.

Creator God, this planet is your offering to us. It is a tapestry of diversity and wonder. But we confess we have turned the diversity into destruction, and the wonder into pollution.

Forgive us, teach us, heal us with a vision for a sharing world; with responsibility for caring for the planet with love for the land and its people.

Assurance of Pardon:

God's forgiveness brings light back into the world and into our lives.

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

A Time for All Ages

Offering: A Gift from Your Children

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

God of grace, amazed by your kindness, moved by your generosity, and inspired by your compassion, we offer these gifts as we pledge ourselves to the service of Christ and to Christ's vision for a renewed and just world for all people. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20

Psalms 19 **on page 740 of VU**

Matthew 21:33–46

Meditation

Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness **VU 375**

Ministry of Music

World Wide Communion

Hymn: We Gather Here **VU 469**

Celebrating the Sacrament

Words of Consecration

Sharing the Bread

Sharing the Wine

Prayer after Communion

Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story **VU 343**

Benediction