

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
May 14th, 2023 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Praise Medley: There Is Joy in the Lord, The House That Love
Is Building, Deep in Our Hearts, An Easter
Alleluia

Greeting and Welcome

Announcements

Introit: What Does the Lord Require of You **VU 701**

Call to Worship:

Lord Jesus, breathe on me; give me strength today.
Holy Spirit, work in me. For this I pray.

God is with us in this place.

God is with us, and around us, and in us.

God dwells in us and we dwell in God.

God hears our prayers. God's love is constant.

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Holy Spirit, work in me. For this I pray.

Opening Prayer:

**We open our hearts to one another and, in these moments
of stillness, become aware of the warmth, the breath, the
life we share. The Spirit of Christ abides in the shared
space between us. May we inhale deeply of this sacred
presence and exhale words and actions of godly love.
Amen.**

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

Prayer of Confession:

**We are joined together by Christ's Spirit. Through this
joining, we know Love and we are able to speak, and act,
and be love. Mindful of this Spirit, let us be aware of the
faith we share and the strain that is sometimes part of our
reality. (Pause for silent prayer)**

**Forgive us God when we fall short of the dream you have
for us and the dream we have for ourselves. Refresh us
with your spirit that we may again be free to love with all
our heart. (Pause for silent prayer)**

Words of Assurance:

God's presence is in us, between us, and embracing us always.
Through the unity of this Spirit, we are shaped into a community
that lives to fulfill love's expectations. We are a forgiven people.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offertory: A Gift from Your Children

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Readings:

Acts 17:22-31

Psalms 66 **VU 785** (R2 Part Two and Three)

John 14:15-21

Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **VU 333**

Meditation

Ministry of Music: He Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Spirit of the Living God **VU 376**

Hymn: Amen and Amen

Benediction