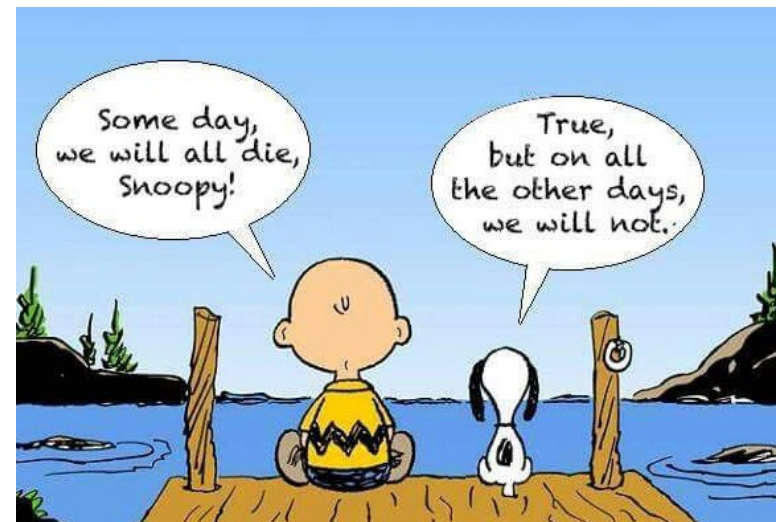


**First United Church  
Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge  
July 30, 2023**



*Embrace "all the other days".  
Be thankful for "all the other days".  
Take on "all the other days".  
How blessed are we for  
"All the other days"!*

**Praise Medley:** Carry the Call, Be Not Afraid, Bless the Lord  
Come on and Celebrate

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit:** “Dance with the Spirit”

### **Call to Worship**

God has set this day before us,  
**A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.**  
God has set our lives before us,  
**A span of years in which we love, learn and serve.**  
God has set God’s seal upon our hearts,  
**So that we might live fully in deep love.**  
**Let us worship God.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**May God’s joy be in our hearts and God’s love surround our living. Each day and night and wherever we roam, may we know God’s presence. In growing and learning, in joy and sorrow, in friendship, in solitude, in beginnings and endings, may God keep us and bless us all the days of our lives. May the blessing of God - the Beginning, the End, and the Everlasting, be with us and remain with us always. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”  
VU 644

### **Prayer of Confession**

**There are times God, when our greatest sin is not what we do but what we fail to do. For those times when we have not spoken up; for those times when we have not acted; for those times when we have not responded: forgive us. Give us courage to name what is wrong when we see it. Give us confidence to do what is hard. Give us grace to reach out when that is frightening or uncomfortable. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

**New every morning is God’s love for us and so we are bold to proclaim the Good News;  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn:** “He Came Singing Love” VU 359 (Verse 1)

### **Offertory Prayer**

**Generous God; over and over Your grace sustains us, over and over Your love provides for us, over and over your arm steadies us. We give You these gifts, with gratitude and joy, thankful that You are God over all. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 NIV  
Psalm 90 VU 805 – Part 1

**Hymn:** “In His Time”

### **Meditation**

### **Ministry of Music**

**Hymn:** “In the Bulb there is a Flower” VU 703

### **Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn:** “Make a Joyful Noise” VU 820 (Verse 2)

### **Benediction**