

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
August 13th, 2023

Praise Medley: My Soul Cries Out, Only A Shadow, Let the
River Flow, As We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Jesus, Name Above All

Call to Worship:

Let us give thanks and praise to our God!

Tell the wonderful things God has done!

Trust in God, whose power is awesome!

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Remember the things God has done and how God is always
fair!

Tell the wonderful things God has done!

Opening Prayer:

**Holy One, you have promised to be with us always and
everywhere. When we find ourselves in the middle of
nowhere, treading water with no idea where to go or sinking
fast, you come to us: you lift us up, and lead us on. Never,
ever let us go, we pray. Amen.**

Hymn: Spirit, Open My Heart

Prayer of Confession and Pardon:

There are times when we feel adrift, lost at sea. Come to us,
God, when we are afraid,

and open our hearts to your love.

There are times when we are overwhelmed by fear, and we
cannot do anything. Come to us, God, when we are afraid,

and open our hearts to your love.

There are times when our fear of others makes us judge them,
ignore them, or even mistreat them. Come to us, God, when we
are afraid,

and open our hearts to your love.

Let us silently confess our fears to God. (silent reflection)
In our times of fear, it is comforting and reassuring to know that
God does not abandon us, but comes to be with us.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offertory Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be **VU 506, verse 1**

Offertory Prayer:

**Someone once offered a few loaves and a couple offish,
and a great crowd was fed. We're not sure how it happened,
O God, but we know that when we bring our gifts, and share
them with others, things multiply, and miracles occur. So
take our gifts and use them, we pray, in Christ's name.
Amen.**

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28

Psalm 105 **VU page 828 Parts 1,2 & 3**

Romans 10:5–15

Matthew 14:22–33

Hymn: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore **VU 563**

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Hymn: God of the Bible

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Holy Sacred Spirit

Hymn: We're Marching to Zion

Benediction