

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
August 27th, 2023
Led by Tony Tuck

Praise Medley: Lord I Lift Your Name, I Come to the Cross,
Hosanna, Love Lifted Me

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Create In Me

Call to Worship:

In the face of all of life's obstacles, our guidance is in the name of the Lord.

**As we return to work, school and all our activities of
Fall and Winter, our guidance is in the name of the Lord.**

Even when our troubles mount up, when we are overwhelmed, we know the Lord is still at our side.

**When we are faced with life's challenges, no matter the
circumstances, we know that our Lord is at our side, we
do not face these challenges alone.**

We are gathered here today, in this place of worship, to bless our Lord who has not given us up to despair.

**Together we declare our guidance is given to us, in the
name of our Lord.**

Opening Prayer:

God, we know you by many names. With gratitude we sing our praises to you as creator of all. In solemn reverence, we call you redeemer. Speaking with confidence, we declare, "You are our sustainer", and we are in gratitude for the times you reveal yourself as Lord in our lives. We ask for your presence amongst us, not only here but in our whole lives. Today, we bring many names to worship you in our prayers and songs, and in our readings of Scripture, gathering here in your name. Hear us today Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me **VU 567**

Prayer of Confession:

There are far too many times Lord, when we have neglected or ignored the needs of others. When we have let you down, forgetting to live our lives with your love, because it just wasn't convenient in our lives. We backed away from being our best selves with excuses on our lips and indifferences in our hearts. Forgive us Lord, set us on the right path of service and compassion, in the name of Jesus, who modeled faithful living for us. Be with us to give us strength and courage to be our best selves in serving you. In your name we pray.

Words of Assurance:

Know this, we are all touched by the grace of our God. God wants us to know that we are forgiven, that God loves us and wants us to know that we bring the light of God's love to the world. God loves each and every one of us.

Offertory Hymn: For Food in a World **VU 551**

Offertory Prayer:

Receive these gifts, Lord God, as signs and symbols of our desire to light up our lives with the love of Jesus, the Christ. By your power, multiply these gifts and challenge us to be evermore generous, that we might share the good news of Your love with this hurting, hungry world. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 1:8, 2:10

Psalms 124 **VU page 848**

Matthew 16:13-20

Hymn: Here I Am, Lord **VU 509**

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Hymn: Count Your Blessings

Benediction