

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge**  
**August 6th, 2023**

**Praise Medley:** Cornerstone, Blessed Assurance, Blessed Be the  
Name of the Lord, Deep In Our Hearts

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit:** He Is Lord

**Call to Worship:**

God's word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our journey.

**We will keep God's righteous rules!**

Even though we have suffered much, God makes us live again.

**God accepts our gifts of praise!**

Though our lives may be in danger, we will not forget God's  
teachings.

**God's laws are our heart's joy!**

Come, let us worship God.

**Opening Prayer:**

We are all different, yet God invites us to walk together.

**Loving God, walk with us.**

If we set our sights on God's way, we will have life and peace.

**Loving God, walk with us.**

If we hear God's word and respond to it, we will do great things.

**Loving God, walk with us. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Give Thanks

**Prayer of Confession:**

O God, you are all around us and in us.

**We thank you for your loving presence.**

From the east you call us to the freshness and hope of each new day.

**Deliver us, O God, from old habits and stale thinking.**

From the west you call us to completeness and wholeness.

**Deliver us, O God, from broken hearts and incomplete  
dreams.**

From the south we hear you call us to warmth and growth.

**Deliver us, O God, from hard hearts and cold hands.**

From the north you call us to the refreshment and peace of a cool  
bubbling spring.

**Deliver us, O God, from destructive anger.**

From below you offer us a solid foundation.

**Deliver us, O God, from our insecurities and lack of  
confidence.**

From within you offer us the freedom to be fully alive.

**Deliver us, O God, from all that would deny your Spirit  
within us.** (*Silent reflection*)

O God, you are all around us and in us.

**Forgive us when we forget that. Amen.**

**Offertory**

**Offertory Prayer:**

**Wondrous is your word, Holy One. We thank you for the gift of  
your Torah that guides us to journey in the ways of peace. Use  
these gifts we offer to make our world a safer and holier place for  
all. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:**

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm 65 on **page 782 VU**

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Hymn:** In The Quiet Curve of the Evening **VU 278**

**Meditation**

**Ministry of Music**

**Hymn:** Lift High the Cross **VU 151**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer Response:** God Is Love

**Hymn:** You Shall Go Out With Joy **VU 884**

**Benediction**