

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge**  
**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Praise Medley:** Just A Little Talk with Jesus, Therefore the Redeemed, Deep in Our Hearts, God of the Bible

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Introit:** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me **VU 575 vs 1,4**

**Call to Worship:**

Praise God, Oh my soul! Praise God as long as you live!

**We join together to praise our Creator.**

The Word of God calls us to worship.

**We join together in prayer to hear God's holy voice.**

The heart of God inspires our living.

**We join together to love the Lord with all our heart,  
with all our soul, with all our mind, with all our  
strength...and our neighbour as ourselves.**

**Prayer of Approach:**

**We joyfully receive your abundant gifts, God. We pause to  
feel the power of life within us, the potential for compassion  
around us, and your steady ground of hope beneath  
us. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Take Time to Be Holy **VU 672**

**Prayer of Confession:**

Abundant Creator, we confess our strong urge to play it safe  
with the gifts you give us.

**We want to trust in your ways, O God.**

We feel we don't have enough time for everything, so we push  
aside the things we most want to do and neglect the tasks that  
are most important.

**We want to trust in your ways, O God.**

As the church, we hold tightly to the gifts you give us, afraid we  
will lose them.

**We want to trust in your ways, O God.**

We remain silent and cautious, even when we witness wrong-  
doing or injustice.

**We want to trust in your ways, O God.** (Silence)

**Words of Assurance:**

God wants only good things for all God's children. Wherever we  
are and whoever we are, God is with us. God has destined us to  
be free and generous.

**We live in God's forgiveness and power. Amen.**

**Hymn:** The Butterfly Song

**A Time with the Children**

**Offering:** All That We Have

**Offertory Prayer:**

**We offer these gifts and our commitments to care-giving,  
God, knowing that you will more than double their worth in  
your work of giving life. We offer our own lives, time, and  
energy knowing that in your mystery, you will use us in  
ways that only later we may know as your abundant  
goodness. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Psalms 78 on **page 792 of VU**

Matthew 25:1-13

**Hymn:** What a Friend We Have in Jesus **VU 664**

**Meditation**

**Ministry of Music:** Alleluia

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

**Prayer Response:** Come and Fill Our Hearts

**Hymn:** God Be with You till We Meet Again **VU 422**

**Benediction**