

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
Pentecost Sunday
May 19th, 2024

Praise Medley: Spirit of God, Come, Holy Spirit

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

The story of Pentecost: Acts 2:1-21

Call To Worship:

We have come to celebrate the birth of the church.

We have come to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We have come to celebrate Pentecost and to open ourselves to God's spirit that it might fill us.

O God, help us to put our selfish desires aside and direct our thoughts to you, that your power might fill this church and our lives fully, just as it has filled churches and people throughout the ages. Teach us to be your church and your people. Amen.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Spirit of God, your power blows in our world, across Earth, and into our lives. Spirit of God, you bring light into our world, energize the earth, and inspire us with goodness. Spirit of God, your grace flows among us, across our community, and into our shadows. May we all awaken to the Spirit deep within, the Spirit of light and grace that surround us and our communities. Let us, in this time of worship, reflect on your renewing and transforming presence. Amen.

Hymn: This Is God's Wondrous World **VU 296**

Minute for Mission

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

O God, there is so much that is not right with our world: too many live in fear, too many cannot find work, too many are sick and in pain, too many are hungry, too many have no hope.

Sometimes we want to blame others, sometimes we want to blame you; rarely do we focus on what we could be doing to alleviate the hurt of the world. God of mercy, grant us strength and compassion. Enable us to begin again. (Silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon:

The stone has been rolled away; new life is before you.

We are ready to deal openly with the past. We are ready to live joyfully in the present. We are ready to grasp an adventurous vision of the future.

Pardon, peace, the risen life in Jesus Christ is yours.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn: Reflection of Your Light

Time with Our Children

Offertory: A Gift From Your Children

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

These gifts are given out of love and a desire to serve. These gifts are given in hope of new beginnings. May these gifts be used wisely to help transform our world. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Hebrew Scriptures: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness **VU 375**

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Hymn: By Our Love

Benediction