

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge  
June 9th, 2024  
Led by the Senior Choir**

**Praise Medley:** Give Thanks, Just a Little Talk with Jesus

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit:** Rejoice in the Lord Always **VU 249**

**Call to Worship:**

We gather as the world turns in conflict and worry. We gather looking to God for justice.

**We gather and affirm our trust in God's reign.**

We gather as the earth groans with the weight of our over-indulgent living. We gather looking to God for justice.

**We gather knowing Christ is alive in us.**

We gather as those who have exploited and those who have been exploited. We gather looking to God for justice.

**We gather with the One who forgives and reconciles.**

We gather as the people of God. We gather looking to God for justice.

**We gather and proclaim God's realm is within us.**

**Opening Prayer:** (unison)

**Open our eyes to where your justice belongs. Open our hearts to the voice that calls us to confess. Open our minds to the call to live in your way. Open our souls to your realm within us, around us, and everywhere. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Come, Let Us Sing **VU 222**

**Minute for Mission**

**Prayer of Confession:**

We never intend to be people of injustice, but we know our lifestyle choices and life decisions always affect others.

**In our living, may we choose justice, live responsibly, and act wisely. May seeds of justice be sown here.**

We never intend to hurt this world, but the Earth testifies that we do not always live in balance with your creation.

**In our world may we live in sustainable ways, travel lightly, and honour the Earth. May seeds of justice be sown here.**

We never intend to be exclusive, but we know the ways faith can divide us and see the harm that has been done in your name.

**May we grow your realm with grace that includes, openness that leads to understanding, and love that transforms all. May seeds of justice be sown here.**

**Words of Assurance:**

God says: The vine grows once more, the soil holds life again, and hope returns to your living. Let us live committed to justice and confident in God's reign of justice, forgiveness, and renewal for all creation. The seed has been planted in us.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Offering:** Spirit, Open My Heart

**Offertory Prayer:** (unison)

**Generous God, we give you thanks for your great and many blessings. We offer to you and to your world our time, talent, and wealth. May we always use them wisely, share them generously, offer them kindly. In the name of Jesus, our great teacher.**

**Scripture Readings:** 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
Psalm 138 on page 860 of VU  
Mark 3:20-35

**Hymn:** We Shall Overcome

**Meditation**

**Ministry of Music:** 'Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me'

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

**Prayer Response:** Spirit of the Living God **VU 376**

**Hymn:** Grace Alone

**Benediction**