

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
Sunday, July 28th, 2024
Led by Rev. Scott Worsfold**

Praise Medley: Jesus, God of the Bible

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: What Does the Lord Require of You **VU 701**

Call to Worship:

Give thanks for this day, as God's light shines anew;

We will rejoice and be glad in this day.

Today and every day, we are made new;

Let us stand in the joy of that realization and rejoice in it.

Each new dawn we are given another chance to marvel at the wonder of creation;

We will stand in this moment and experience joy!

Opening Prayer: (unison)

Gracious God, we come here today to bask in the warmth of your new dawn on a fresh summer day. We come seeking solace and peace; seeking hope and joy; seeking something life-giving and new. Centre our thoughts and clear our minds so that we may truly be able to see and appreciate all that you steadfastly provide. Help us to understand that which you truly require of us – to seek justice; to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Guide us to truly see the abundance of life we have. Help us live and move in a way that respects our earth, gives back to our community, and centers us in the joy of living. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn: Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me **VU 637**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God, the world's great healer, we come before you now in recognition of our own frailty, and our deep need for your grace. We confess to you our manifold shortcomings – times that we have fallen short in thought, word or deed. We confess the times that through action or inaction, intentionally or inadvertently, we have hurt someone else. We confess that we often complain about what we don't have, rather than being appreciative of what we do have. We spend our time and energy on past hurts and grievances rather than letting those go and meeting each new day with a clear heart and mind, and focusing simply on what needs to be done today to make this world better for others. Forgive us, God, for these shortcomings, and grant us the grace to forgive as we have been forgiven. Help us gain strength, as you forgive our weakness. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

As we walk humbly with our God, we are changed each day along the journey. God's enduring forgiveness, God's ever-present ability to overlook our weaknesses, makes us whole and makes us new, this day and every day.

***Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism** (see insert)*

Hymn: Out of Deep, Unordered Water **VU 453 vs 2,3**

Offertory Hymn: For All Your Goodness, God **VU 549**

Offering Prayer: (unison)

God of our journeys, we ask you to bless these gifts and those who give them. It is through your giving that we learn to give. May these our gifts and offerings be used in your service and for the furtherance of your work in the world. Amen.

Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14 **on page 735 of VU**
John 6:1-21

Hymn: Come to My Heart **VU 661**

Meditation

Ministry of Music: 'By Name I Have Called You'

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: God is Love

Hymn: Wings of an Eagle

Benediction