

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
Sunday, October 13th, 2024
Thanksgiving Sunday

Praise Medley: His Name Is Wonderful, Give Thanks

Greeting and Announcements

Introit: He Is Lord

Call to Worship:

Though we could be resentful, we come to give thanks.

Though we could be complaining, we come to offer appreciation.

Though we could be upset about what we lack, we come in gratitude for what we have.

We enter now into this time of worship carrying seeds to sow, singing songs of joy, rejoicing together.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Generous God, throughout all our lives, You have blessed us with love and hope. Our hearts are truly grateful for your providence. Today, we celebrate the wondrous gifts that You have given us. May we show our gratitude through the ways in which we live and care for others in your name. Amen.

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

A Time for All People

Prayer of Confession for Thanksgiving:

O God, we know that we forget about you, we forget to love you, we forget to help our neighbours, we forget to thank you.

Forgive us. Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you, strong hands to serve you. Help us live this day, this week and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you.

(a moment of silence for private confession)

Assurance of Pardon:

God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to be its Saviour.

We can trust God's word. We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth **VU 226**

Offertory Hymn: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
VU 541

Offering Prayer: (unison)

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering. To bless your church, your people, your creation. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Hebrew Scriptures: Joel 2:21-27

Psalms 126 on **page 850 of VU Refrain 1**

Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:25-33

Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God **VU 236**

Meditation

Ministry of Music: Count Your Blessings

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Alleluia

Hymn: Hear Your People Singing

Commission:

We began this worship event with thanksgiving.

I call on you now to move out into the world with thanksgiving.

Let thanksgiving enhance the joys you experience,

let thanksgiving transcend the pains you may suffer,

let thanksgiving sweeten the duties you must perform,

let thanksgiving underpin even the griefs you may have to endure.

**O give thanks to our God who is so good, whose love
stands firm forever.**

Benediction