

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
Sunday, October 20th, 2024
71st Anniversary/Thank You Sunday
Guest Preacher: Rev. Scott Worsfold

Praise Medley: Challenged and Chosen, Called by Earth
and Sky

Greeting and Announcements

Introit: Come Build a Church

Call to Worship:

Here is the place where we can bring our pain and hopes.

For our God carries them with us.

Here is the place where we can listen for our calling.

For Jesus invites us to serve with him in the world.

Here is the place where we are surrounded by grace.

For the Spirit hears our hearts and heals them.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

God our Joy, you reach out and lift us up when we trip, to set us back on our faith; you shelter us in your grace, when the storms of fear batter us; you open your heart to welcome us. We are rescued by your love. Jesus our Brother, you touch us with your brokenness, so that we might be healed: you serve out sin's sentence on us, so that we might be set free. We are surrounded by your hope. Spirit who calls us, you remind us that we are strong enough to care for the vulnerable and have more than enough to share with the poor. We listen and respond. God in Community, Holy in One, you offer the gift of life and grace to all your children. May we blossom in your presence as we worship you today. Amen.

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU 232

A Time for All People

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God of the Beloved, Jesus came for us. He came to give those who could not see new sight, but we continue to long to live in the shadows. He came to clear the ears of those who had no hearing, but we still listen to the lies offered to us. He came that we might serve those around us, but we want the attention, the seats of prestige. We pray that as you forgive us, Loving God, we would discover that we are now your beloved. Not because we are powerful, but we are willing to accept our weakness; not because we are wealthy, but we dare to share when others hoard; not because we want glory, but because we are willing to offer the cup of grace to those who thirst around us, even as it has been offered to us by Jesus, our Brother, our Saviour.

(Silence is kept)

Assurance of Pardon:

Our God deals gently with those who stumble, who lose their way and get dazzled by wanting power and glory. That is the good news for us. We are forgiven and graced with new life.

**Thanks be to God, who is the home of our hearts, who fills us with grace and mercy in every moment.
Amen.**

Hymn: We Are Pilgrims VU 595

Offertory Hymn: When We Are Living VU 581 vs 2

Offering Prayer: (unison)

We hope you will notice how generous we are in these moments, Gracious God, and pat us on the back. But instead, you challenge us to offer more, not just from our abundance, but our lives, our hearts, our hands in serving those around us. Bless these gifts, and all whose lives will be touched by them. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91 on **page 807 of VU**
Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10
Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:35-45

Hymn: I Come to the Cross

Meditation

Ministry of Music: God's Holy House

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: God Is L

A Time of Appreciation

Congregational Prayer: (unison)
Loving God, we thank you for those who have served as leaders of our congregation, some for many years and some for a day. All have been nurtured by your spirit to share their understanding of your word and serve all who were entrusted to their care. Bless the ministry of this congregation. May we all be teachers and learners together, drawing on your wisdom and grace. Amen.

Hymn: We Are Called

Commissioning and Benediction:
With the love of our God in our hearts,
we will go to welcome the stranger among us.
With the brokenness of Jesus having fed us,
we will go to bring healing to others.
With the vulnerability of the Spirit as our guide,
we will serve our neighbours with humility and hope.



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