

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge  
Sunday, February 16th, 2025**

**Praise Medley:** Build Your Kingdom Here  
Down By the Riverside

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Introit:** You Are Holy

**Call to Worship:**

Blessed are those who trust in God.

**We come in trust, to be grounded in God's love.**

Blessed are those who hope in God.

**We come in hope, trusting in the One who gives us life.**

Blessed are those who delight in God's Word.

**We come to hear God speak, hoping for healing and joy.**

**Prayer of Approach:** (unison)

**God of our wonder, Heart of creation: we are blessed when we feast on your Word which embraces us, teaches us, transfigures us and grounds us. Give us your Word this, and every, day. Jesus Christ, Heart of God's children: we are blessed when we have your compassion: for the poor, the hungry, those who weep and those left out. Give us your heart this, and every, day. Holy Delight, Grace's Heartbeat: we bear fruit when we overflow with your spirit of generosity, of pouring ourselves out in service and of bearing another's burden. Give us your spirit this, and every, day. Holy One, may our hearts beat as one with your heart, in our worship and our lives. Amen.**

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

**A Time for All People**

**Prayer of Confession:** (unison)

**We confess what we are afraid to face, Blessing God, that the seductions of this world gnaw away at our hearts. We have more and more to choose from at the market, and so we forget those whose only choice is hunger. Our sense that we are your favourites causes us to ignore those we are convinced are not. We are so consumed with saving enough for the future, we overlook those who have so little this day.**

**Forgive us, Heartbroken God, for thinking we are the centre of your world. Pour your living water into us, so we might send down roots deep into your heart, and so become those people who are blessings to others, as we have received the gift of new life from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.**

(Silent reflection)

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Blessed are you: for God forgives you and restores you to new life. Rejoice in this day and dance for joy!

**Thanks be to God! Our faith is true, and our hope is grounded in the promises of the One we can trust, not only on this day, but in every day to come. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Like a Healing Stream

**Offertory Hymn:** As of Old Their First-fruits Brought VU 518 vs 3

**Offertory Prayer:** (unison)

**You pour out your abundance on us, Loving God, as we can alleviate the sufferings of others, turn their woes into blessings, and their emptiness into overflowing grace and life. Take the gifts we offer and use them in the work of your new life which is in our midst. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:**

Hebrew Scriptures: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1 **on page 724 of VU**

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:17-26

**Hymn:** I've Got Peace Like a River

**Meditation**

**Ministry of Music**

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

**Prayer Response:** Come and Fill Our Hearts

**Hymn:** We Are Marching/One More Step **VU 646/639**

**Commission and Benediction:**

Let us share our abundance with those who have so little.

**We do so, grounded in God's love.**

Let us go forth to fill the emptiness of those longing for justice.

**We do so, blessed with Jesus' hope.**

Let us dance into the world to take the hands of our sisters and brothers.

**We do so, blessed with the Spirit's delight.**