

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
Sunday, February 9th, 2025**

Praise Medley: Sing A New Song
Love Lifted Me

Greeting and Announcements

Introit: Open the Eyes of My Heart

Call to Worship:

It is by grace that we are who we are:

people who are called by Jesus, yet fearful to follow.

It is by God's grace that we can become followers:

**people who are fearful, yet gifted with courage
beyond wonder.**

It is with God's grace that we become who we might be:

**people who step out in faith, sharing the good news
generously.**

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Holy God, by your grace: you touch our fears with the fire of your compassion; you touch our brokenness with the fire of your forgiveness; you touch our hearts with the fire of your love. Jesus Christ, by your grace: you step into our lives and an unpredictable journey begins; you challenge us to new thinking, with overflowing results; you so confront our doubts that we can cast away our fears. Holy Spirit, by your grace: you give us eyes to see the emptiness of the world; you give us ears to hear the cries of the hungry; you give us gifts to bring hope and healing to all. Holy One, by your grace we are who we are, your children, your people, your church. Today we worship you with thanksgiving. Amen.

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty **VU 315**

A Time for All People

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

God of wonder and joy, we look in the mirror and do not see holiness reflected back. We long to be sisters and brothers with others, but don't want to be an intrusion in our friends' lives. We yearn to be more compassionate, yet it is often spite and malice we offer to someone else. We are so busy listening to those internal i-pods, that we have trouble hearing the cries of loneliness coming from those around us.

Forgive us, God who longs to be enthroned in our hearts. You call us to different lives, so we might make a difference for all who hurt. You invite us into your kingdom, so we might show others the way. You challenge us to take a risk by following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might become your children once again. (Silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon:

The One who alone is Holy became wholly human so we might see the face of grace. The One who is seated in the heavens endured the cross so we might see the face of salvation. This is our good news: we are forgiven!

By God's grace, with God's grace, we are who we are meant to be: forgiven, restored, called people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn: Give Thanks

Offertory Hymn: All That We Have

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

God who alone is holy, we offer our gifts, our lives, our compassion, our service to others and to your creation. Bless all that we offer, so that we might be blessings of hope, peace, and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 138 **on page 860 of VU R**

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Lesson: Luke 5:1-11

Hymn: O, How I Love Jesus

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Kum Ba Ya

Hymn: Grace Alone

Commission and Benediction:

Filled with God's grace, we will go,

**to share hope with those in despair,
to befriend the lonely and afraid.**

Filled with God's grace, we will follow Jesus,

**to offer justice to those forgotten by the world,
to embrace those filled with grief and loss.**

Filled with God's grace, we are empowered by the Spirit,

**to bring peace into all the brokenness around us,
to walk in faith beside our sisters and brothers.**