

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge**  
**May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Praise Medley:** When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder, I'll Fly  
Away, Bind Us Together, I Am a Child of God

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit:** I Am Walking a Path of Peace

**Call to Worship:**

Lord Jesus, breathe on me; give me strength today.  
Holy Spirit, work in me. For this I pray.

**Let us gather in the joy and wonder of the Easter  
Season. Let us celebrate Christ's presence in our  
world today.**

Jesus has promised that wherever we are, his Spirit will be in  
our midst.

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Holy Spirit, work in me. For this I pray.**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Refreshing God, in times of dryness you are like cool,  
spring rains giving new life to the parched places of our  
lives. We come before you now to celebrate the new life  
you give to us and others each and every day. Amen.**

**Hymn:** What a Friend We Have in Jesus      **VU 664**

**Prayer of Confession and Pardon:**

Jesus prayed that we might all be one,  
**yet we are not one.**

We quarrel and squabble,  
**we disagree over little things.**

Instead of glorifying God in all we do,  
**we worry about how we look.**

Instead of working together to care for the world,  
**we often care only for ourselves.**

Jesus prayed that we might all be one,  
**yet we are not one.**  
Send your Spirit, God,  
**and make us one. Amen.**

**Offering:** All That I Am

**Offertory Prayer:**

**God, loving parent and defender of orphans and widows, of  
outcasts of every time and place, invites us to join in that  
wondrous ministry. Through our gifts, we seek ways to  
spread the message of God's love, to ease the burdens on  
those challenged by society, and to help transform our  
world. Amen.**

**Hymn:** By Our Love

**Scripture Readings:**

Acts 1:6–14

Psalm 68 on page 787 of VU

1 Peter 4:12–14, 5:6–11

John 17:1–11

**Meditation**

**Ministry of Music:** You Raise Me Up

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

**Prayer Response:** Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Hymn:** We Are Marching      **VU 646**

**Benediction**