

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
June 18th, 2023**

Praise Medley: My Hands Belong to You, Love Lifted Me,
Stand in the Congregation, Sitting at the Feet
of Jesus

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: This Little Light of Mine

Call to Worship:

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.."

We are willing to serve!

Jesus called disciples, and sent them out to bring the good news.

We are willing to serve!

It is dangerous work at times, but God has promised to be with us.

We are willing to serve!

Come, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

We have come here today, O God, because you have called us. Like the first apostles, we are a motley crew: men and women, young and old, some full of ambition and some more timid. Yet we have come out of love for you and a desire to do your will. Patiently make us yours, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: Lift High the Cross **VU 151**

Prayer of Confession:

The journey of a disciple can be scary. We know well the hardships we can face: a world that is far from receptive to the message of your love, O God, as brought to us through Jesus Christ; a hostile environment that would rather hide in evil than live compassionate lives in the light of your grace. When we are scared, draw us out. When we would

rather turn and run, remind us that you stand with us, whatever we face. When things seem too difficult to bear, remind us of your desire to hold us up always. (silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon:

God has proven a great love for us: that while we were still sinners, Christ Jesus died for us. And so, as forgiven and blessed people, let us live lives of joy.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Offertory: We Praise You, O God **VU 218 vs 1**

Offertory Prayer:

What can we give back to you, O God, for the blessings you have poured out upon us? We shall lift high the cup of salvation as a toast to you! We will complete the work you have called us to do! Accept these gifts, and accept us – to do your work. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Romans 5:1-8

Psalm 116 on **page 836 of VU**

Matthew 9:35–10:8

Hymn: Jesus Loves Me **VU 365**

Meditation

Ministry of Music: I Am Resolved

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Take, O Take Me As I Am

Hymn: Go, Make A Difference

Benediction