

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
June 16th, 2024
Led by Rev. Bill Bartlett**

Praise Medley: Fully Alive, Challenged and Chosen

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Spirit of Life **VU 381**

Call to Worship:

We are the seeds that have been planted by God.

In the beauty of this day we come to experience God's grace.

Flowers are blooming, trees display God's glory, and we live as faithful people.

Draw close to the sacred table, where life and hope are revealed.

The bread of life and the true vine beckon. Praise be to God!

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

Bless, O God, our worship on this Father's Day, that it may fill our hearts with gladness and praise. God of Creation, you touch our lives with healing and with justice; new life is your gift. We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to carry your goodness into the coming week. We pray in Jesus' name, our Source and Saviour.

Hymn: Worship the Lord **VU 401 vs 1,2,4**

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Gracious and merciful God, we thank you for your grace and for your patience with our brokenness; we thank you for your persistent love in the face of all we do to hurt one another and your world. Help us to be reconcilers as you have reconciled in Jesus. Help us to work with you in the healing of the world. We pray through Christ who comes to reconcile and make new. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends in Christ, take great comfort in the mystery of God's love. For all are welcome within its healing shade and nothing can lie beyond its breadth of beauty, kindness and mercy.

Hallelujah, praise and thanks to God. Amen.

Hymn: In the Bulb There Is a Flower **VU 703**

Children's Time

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

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Life giving Spirit, bring to the bones of these gifts the flesh of our actions and the breath of our caring, so that our church and our service to others may come to life in your name. Amen.

Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13
Psalm 20 **on page 742 of VU**
Mark 4:26-34

Hymn: This is God's Wondrous World **VU 296**

Meditation

Ministry of Music: *'The Family Tree'* Rebecca-Ann Bartlett (Guest)

Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body **VU 467**

Closing Hymn: Faith of Our Fathers **VU 580**

Commissioning: (unison)

Let us go from our worship in faith and hope, to serve God and the world with love and joy. So may the blessing of God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon us and radiate from our lives, now and always.

Benediction:

Go now and proclaim the gospel, not just through words but deeds; through what we say, what we do, and who we are. May others, as they meet us, meet with Christ and know his living presence for themselves. Amen.