First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge Sunday, June 30, 2024 Led by Rev. Faith March-MacCuish

Praise Medley: I Have Called You by Name, Hear I Am to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

We Remember Beaumont Hamel

Ode to Newfoundland

Silence

Prayer

Introit: Though I May Speak – VU 372: v 1 & 3

Call to Worship:

We gather today for worship marking the anniversary of the Confederation of Canada.

As we gather, we recognize that a history of a people is not all glory.

The history of Canada has both joy and sorrow, both triumph and tragedy.

We have much to celebrate, much to lament, and much to dream.

Come, let us gather in the presence of God, our Creator.

Come, let us worship the Creator in whom we, and all of creation, are one.

Come, let us open our hearts in thanksgiving.

Come, let us be filled with the Spirit's vision as we worship today.

Prayer of Approach:

O God of shepherd, and prophet; Creator of First Peoples, pioneer, light of immigrant, loyalist, and seeker: We live with history and we love your presence in it. We trace our roots to your creative powers. We embrace one another as children of your Spirit. As we celebrate our history today, help us remember all of it: that which makes us proud and that which makes us ashamed; that which reveals our closeness to your Word and that which reveals our distance. Remind us of your constant presence: forgiving, restoring, recreating, and making all things

new. Hear us, Redeemer God, as we dwell for a moment in your goodness. Amen.

Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me – VU 567

Minute for Mission

Offering: Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow – VU 541

Offertory Invitation

Participating in what God is doing is a gift we have been given. Being part of something larger than ourselves gives life meaning, and connects us with others in empowering ways.

Offertory Prayer:

Holy One; gentle, patient and strong. Thank you for the light of this day, for the pain that passed and the joy that stays. Thank you for faith, encouragement, forgiveness and prayer. We thank you for instilling in us a generous and giving spirit. Accept the work of our hands and the love of our hearts. May all that we offer transform us and the world into a community of justice and peace. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Response Psalm: Psalm 30 VU pg. 757

Ministry of Music: People Need the Lord

Emily March-MacCuish

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4: 21-30

Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness - VU 288

Meditation: "Love is something if you give it Away"

Celebrating Our Country

National Anthem: O Canada

Prayers of the People/Prayer for Canada/Lord's Prayer Prayer Response

Dedication of Tapestry – Donation Doug and Lilly Ivany

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

Benediction