

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge**  
**July 14th, 2024**  
**Led by Carolyn Rice**

**Praise Medley:** It's a Song of Praise to the Maker, Sing a New Song

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit:** Open Our Eyes, Lord

**Call to Worship:**

Come, people of God. Let us gather with hearts overflowing with delight and thankfulness.

**We are a company of faith blessed by God.**

God's name is to be celebrated in all generations.

**With joy and gladness, we praise God forever and ever.**

**Prayer of Approach:** (unison)

**O God, your presence is made known to us in this gathered community of faith, in the doing of justice and evidence of peace, in the face of a stranger and the story of a friend. May we recognize the sacred at all times and places, and be inspired with your joy. Give us the courage and freedom to express this joy in every way and with all that we are, and give us the patience to listen to others. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness **VU 375**

**Prayer of Confession:**

Forgive us, God, when we think we know all the answers.

**Open our hearts to listen to you.....(silence)**

Forgive us, God, when we laugh at the questions of others and put them down.

**Open our hearts to listen to others....(silence)**

Forgive us, God, when we ignore the questions of others which challenge us to re-think what we believe or do.

**Open our hearts to listen to you.... (silence)**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Though we fail to be all that we seek, God forgives and accepts who we are, and God encourages us to become who we can be.

**Thanks be to the One who loves us and forgives us unconditionally! Amen.**

**Hymn:** He Leadeth Me **VU 657**

**Offering Hymn:** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
**VU 541**

**Offertory Prayer:** (unison)

**We may not meet the people that our gifts reach; we may not be able to feel their pain or know their struggle. But with generous hearts we give in faith, for we know that you, loving God, will bless the compassion, the new opportunities and the community that these gifts make possible. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:** Matthew 5:1-16  
Psalm 130 **on page 853 of VU**  
Luke 24:13-35

**Hymn:** Come and Find the Quiet Centre **VU 374**

**Meditation:** Scripture and Song; Are You Listening?

**Ministry of Music**

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

**Prayer Response:** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying  
**VU 400**

**Hymn:** Open My Eyes, That I May See **VU 371**

**Benediction**