

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge**  
**Sunday, July 21st, 2024**  
**Led by Cynthia Burt**

**Praise Medley:** If God Is for Us, Build Your Kingdom Here

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit:** Jesus, Draw Me Close

**Call to Worship:**

We stand on the shore of God's new day and look ahead to what is yet to be.

**We hold close the precious treasures of biblical stories, past experiences of God, and the wisdom of our ancestors in faith. Yet, we move in God's Spirit to experience something new.**

May old and new blend in the way we respond to God's surprises, as well as God's steady hand.

**Prayer of Approach:**

**Come, O Spirit of God, and hide within us a yeast that will cause us to rise in resurrection praise. Come, O Spirit of God, and hide within us that which will grow through the hearing of God's word so that we may share bread of life with those in need of hope. Amen.**

**Hymn:** My Love Colors Outside the Lines

**Minute for Mission**

**Prayer of Confession:**

In our good times and in our bad times, in our ups and in our downs:

**We confess you are with us, God.**

You are in our moments of transformation, inviting us to new life. When we are running away, when we are searching for home:

**We confess you are with us, God.**

You guide us to new possibilities. When we are feeling proud and self-satisfied, when we are wracked with guilt or shame:

**We confess you are with us, God.**

You steady us on new ways. When we are wrestling, when we are striving:

**We confess you are with us, God. You accompany us into new faithfulness to your presence and call. (Silent Reflection)**

**Words of Assurance:**

No matter where we go, God is with us. In our dreams, in our actions, in all we do and say, God is with us. God hears all and offers forgiveness.

**We are not alone, thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Hymn:** My Life Flows On **VU 716**

**Offertory Hymn:** Many Are the Lightbeams **VU 588 vs 4**

**Offertory Prayer:**

**O God, we remember in joy all we have been given. We return those gifts to you in offerings of money and in the offering of ourselves and all that we have and are. May our gifts be used in joyful service in our world. Amen.**

**Sharing the Story:**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**Hymn:** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky **VU 509**

**Meditation**

**Ministry of Music:** 'Blessing' (Lilly Pope)

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

**Prayer Response:** Kum ba Yah

**Hymn:** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace **VU 684**

**Benediction**