## First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Led by Rev. Heather Sandford

**Praise Medley:** Count Your Blessings, In the Garden

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Introit: Worship the Lord VU 401 (vs 4)

**Call to Worship:** 

Hungry and thirsty, we come to the Lord with hope.

Jesus is the living bread!

We come to you hoping that you will feed us with your love and compassion, O Lord.

Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.

**Opening Prayer:** (unison)

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things going on in our lives. Some of these things are wonderful and cause us to rejoice. However, sometimes there are far too many things that cause us fear and anxiety. In this time of worship, still our hearts, calm our souls and help us to be present within this moment. Amen.

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision VU 642 (vs 1, 2, 5)

Minute for Mission

**Prayer of Confession:** (unison)

O God, we ask for living bread but turn to our old stale crusts. Help us to find new ways of being and forgive our old ways. You give us ideas on how to treat others and how to love our neighbours, and yet we find it hard to see

others in a different light. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to see Christ in everyone we meet. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon:**

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the spirit of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn: I See a New Heaven VU 713 (vs 1, 2, 3)

Offertory Hymn: We Give You But Our Own VU 542

**Offertory Prayer:** (unison)

Creator of all things, we give back to you in praise of your glory. We do not wish to simply praise you with our song and our words and our hands; we wish to praise you by loving our siblings in Christ. Take and use our gifts, that they may serve your kingdom. Amen.

**Scripture Readings:** Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Psalm 130 on page 853 of VU

John 6:35, 41-51

Hymn: Blessed Assurance VU 337

Meditation

**Ministry of Music** 

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

Prayer Response: Breathe on Me, Breathe of God VU 382 vs 3

Hymn: We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection VU 586

**Benediction**