

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge**  
**Sunday, September 15th, 2024**  
Led by Rev. Karen Bursey

**Praise Medley:** Come Fill My World, Burdens Are Lifted at  
Calvary

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Introit:** Follow Me, Follow Me

**Call to Worship:**

On this morning, as every morning,

**we are surrounded by God's grace.**

In these moments, as every moment,

**we are called to discipleship by Jesus.**

Throughout this day, as every day,

**we are taught peace and hope by the Spirit.**

**Prayer of Approach:**

All around us, O God, creation preaches a silent sermon about  
your glory.

**The full, orange moon declares your constant  
watchfulness;**

the early morning mist over a schoolyard speaks of your  
steadfast love;

**the cool breeze through slowly changing leaves  
whispers of your grace.**

Holy One, bless us in this time together,

**may we hear you in the silence and the songs, and  
discover you in the people around us. In Jesus' name  
we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Lift High the Cross **VU 151**

**A Time for All People**

**Prayer of Confession:** (unison)

**Spring of Wisdom, we confess that we have not denied  
ourselves and followed. We turn our backs on your  
outstretched hands of grace and stumble into the arms of  
the world. We speak poisonous gossip about others, rather  
than tell of their glory as your child. We fire off words that  
find no rest until they pierce another's heart. Forgive us,  
Rock and Redeemer. Give us speech which flows like cool  
water through another's parched spirit; give us silence with  
which to witness your wonders; give us words to proclaim  
Jesus is the Christ, our Lord and our Saviour, the One who  
leads us to life. (Silent reflection)**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

With gentleness, God speaks to us; with graciousness, God  
forgives us; with joy, God embraces us.

**With our lips, we praise God; with our words, we  
thank God; with our silence, we find God in our  
hearts. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Morning Has Broken **VU 409**

**Offertory Hymn:** Grant Us, God, the Grace **VU 540**

**Offertory Prayer:** (unison)

**All around us, we are reminded that we are not on our own,  
but our lives intersect with the poor, the hungry, the  
hopeless, our sisters and brothers. As we seek to follow you,  
may we share from the abundance you have poured out  
upon us, so all might experience your grace and life. In  
Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:**

Hebrew Scriptures: Proverbs 1:20-33

Responsive Psalm 19 on **page 740 of VU, Refrain 1**

Epistle Lesson: James 3:1-12

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:27-38

**Hymn:** I Come to the Cross

## **Meditation**

**Ministry of Music:** Cry of My Heart

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

**Prayer Response:** Precious Lord, Take My Hand

**Hymn:** Halle, Halle, Halle/You Shall Go Out with Joy  
**VU 958/884**

## **Commissioning and Benediction:**

Go now with God, our good companion who covers us with tender mercies, who gives us good food and living water to nourish us.

**We go knowing that God will direct our path:  
bringing us joy and delight as we continue on our  
journey of faith.**