

**First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge  
January 14, 2024**

**Praise Medley:** Bind Us Together, We Are Called,  
Brightened The Corner Where You Are,  
Holy Spirit, Rain Down

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit:** Teach Me, God, to Wonder **VU 299 vs 1**

**Call to Worship:**

We are called, each and every one: old, young, male, female.

**We are called into God's future, called to speak God's  
message, called by the One whom we gather to  
worship today.**

**Opening Prayer:**

Holy One, you have searched me out! You know me! You know when I sit, when I stand; from far away you discern my thoughts. You trace my journeys and my resting places, you are familiar with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word on my tongue but you, you know it completely. Your embrace is all around me. You lay your hand upon me. Guide us in this hour and may your presence surround our worship. Amen.

**Hymn:** Will You Come and Follow Me **VU 567**

**Prayer of Confession:**

God, we know you call us into your future. But sometimes, we do not recognize your voice – perhaps because we have not yet learnt, or have forgotten to expect your call. Sometimes, we do not hear you calling – perhaps because we get too busy, or distracted by other voices, like our inner voice of greed or self-satisfaction. Sometimes we hear your call, but we ignore it – perhaps because to follow means making changes when we are comfortable, or we doubt that we are able to answer the call. We are sorry for these times when

**we don't acknowledge your voice, don't hear your voice,  
don't respond to your voice. (silent reflection)**

**Words of Affirmation:**

The stories of God's people who came before us assure us that God will call us, and call us again and again,

**calling us into the future of hope, calling us with the  
voice of love, calling us as children of the light.  
Amen.**

**Hymn:** One-Derful God

**A Time for All Ages**

**Offering:** Count Your Blessings

**Offertory Prayer:**

**We offer these gifts of money, as we offer ourselves, for the  
imagining and realizing of your vision for all creation.  
Amen.**

**Scripture Readings**

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalms 139 on **page 861 of VU**

John 1:43-51

**Hymn:** Here I Am, Lord **VU 509**

**Meditation**

**Ministry of Music:** The Called

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

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

**Hymn:** Go, Make A Difference

**Benediction**