Frosty Festival Ecumenical Worship Service First United Church Mount Pearl February 11th, 2024

Praise Medley: As the Deer, Down by the Riverside, Because He Lives, Sing a New Song

Greeting and Welcome

Introit: Spirit of Life VU 381

Call to Worship:

In the presence of God, whose Word called the stars into being, **we stand in awe.**

In the presence of Christ, whose arms held little children and whose eyes sparkled with laughter,

we stand in trust.

In the presence of the Holy Spirit, who stirs within us and causes our hearts to thirst for love,

we stand in longing. Before you, God, in search of love and truth and wholeness, we come in worship.

Opening Prayer:

God, we are grateful for your presence with us during this ecumenical service. May our hearts and minds be open to the new things that you are doing in and through each one of us, and in and through this gathered community. May we see with fresh eyes, breathe in the new smells, hear your call, and experience the fresh ways you are inviting us to be in ministry with you. Amen.

Hymn: We Are One VU 402

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, as we move closer to you, we recognize the comfort and security that sometimes makes it difficult to follow your ways. Show us what we need to let go of in order to make room for the new things you are about to do. Show us how we can be more like you. We confess the many ways that we fail to live in your ways, and we bring these confessions to you in prayer, knowing that you meet us there with unending love and grace. (silent reflection)

Words of Affirmation:

God makes a way in the wilderness and forgives all our failings. We are transformed by that forgiveness, and walk in a new way. Believe this good news!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn: I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance) VU 352

Offering: For All Your Goodness, God VU 549

Offertory Prayer:

We put our faith and trust in your fresh ways. As we journey together, we dedicate our lives and these gifts to the work of loving others. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 1:4-10 Psalm 91 on **page 807 of Voices United** Mark 9:2-9

Ministry of Music: 'Walkin On That Heavenly Road'

Meditation: Rev. Scott Winsor, Church of the Good Shepherd

Ministry of Music: 'God Is Calling Us'

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Kum Ba Ya

Hymn: Make a Joyful Noise VU 820

Benediction