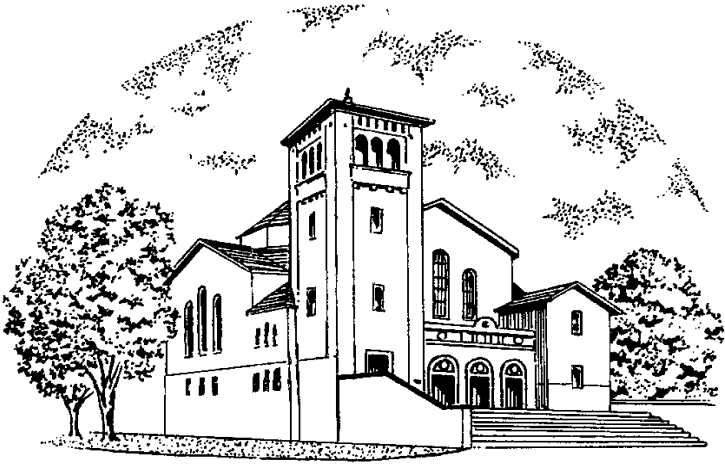


Cochrane Street United Church

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Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

Whether you are here for the first time or this is your church home – welcome to our community of faith.

USHERING TEAM FOR APRIL

Roger Crosbie, Jim Austin, Jeff Critch, Jim Oakley

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET APRIL 12 – APRIL 18

Thursday: 10:00 AM Zoom Prayer Group
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

OFFICE

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge the territory in which we gather as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk, and the island of Newfoundland as the ancestral homelands of the Mi'kmaq and Beothuk. We would also like to recognize the Inuit of Nunatsiavut and NunatuKavut and the Innu of Nitassinan, and their ancestors, as the original people of Labrador. We strive for respectful relationships with all the peoples of this province as we search for collective healing and true reconciliation and honour this beautiful land together.

PRELUDE:

INTROIT VU 187: The Spring Has Come vs. 1

1 The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.
New light, new day,
the spring has come, let all the church be part of it!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.

*LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE & PASSING OF THE PEACE:

The light of Christ is with us

Here. Now. In this place.

In Christ, although we are many,

We are one.

Let our hospitality towards each other reflect God's love.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC MV #122: This Is the Day

This is the day that God has made;

we will rejoice and be glad! *Repeat*

Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!

We will rejoice and be glad! *Repeat*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

This is the season of Easter:
the celebration of resurrection,
the festival of hope,
the promise of new beginnings,
the dance of faith,
the song of joy,
the music of gladness,
the hymn of love.
Let us worship our life-giving God!

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

God, alive and among us this day,
to you no door is closed,
to you no heart is locked;
draw us beyond our doubts and fears,
till we see the risen Christ
and say in our hearts, “We believe.” Amen.

HYMN VU # 158: Christ is Alive

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war,
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Let us confess our shortcomings,
recalling the words of Christ:
Jesus said, “Peace be with you.”
Yet sometimes we sow discord,
neglecting to make peace with our sisters and brothers.
Jesus said, “As God has sent me, so I send you.”

**Yet sometimes we refuse to go, fearing to follow
unknown paths of faith.**

Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

But we turn away, rejecting the gifts of the Spirit.

Forgive us, blessed God,

in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

As the sun melts the ice in spring,
as blossoms burst forth on dry branches—
so God's warmth heals and transforms
the deadness and brokenness within us.

In Christ we are a forgiven people!

Thanks be to God. Amen

LEARNING TOGETHER

HYMN VU 164: The Day of Resurrection

- 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
- 2 Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see aright
the Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to the accents, may hear so calm and plain
Christ's own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY

There are many ways you can offer your financial gifts. As you enter the sanctuary, you may lay your offering in the plate. You can send your offering by mail or drop them off in the mailbox. You can donate via eTransfer: csuctreasurer@gmail.com. You can sign up for PAR (Pre-Authourized Remittance) or use the donate button on our website.

OFFERTORY HYMN MV # 191: What Can I Do?

What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love.
I'll do my share.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:32 - 35

The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

*RESPONSIVE PSALM 133

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

**² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

**³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19 - 31

The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN VU 179: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks vs 1 & 2

REFRAIN:

Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Give thanks to the risen Christ;

hallelujah, hallelujah!

Give praise to God's name.

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
firstborn of all creation. **R**

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and is risen. **R**

SERMON:

Reflective Music

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done on earth as it is heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN VU 175: This Is the Day

REFRAIN: This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

1 Christ has conquered death at last,
left the tomb that held him fast!
Gone the sorrow, gone the night,
dawns the morning clear and bright! **R**

2 Jesus lives who once was dead,
lives forever, as he said!
Risen now our Saviour, King;
songs of gladness let us sing! **R**

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Holy God, Dreamer of dreams,

We offer Cochrane Street United Church to you. We are your people, this is your church. We come to you seeking your guidance, your purpose, your vision. Align our will with yours, so that we will be willing to do whatever it takes to carry out your plan. We ask you to break through in new ways in our church. Show us the great ministry you have in store for us. Help us dream your dreams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, giving us the vision, boldness, and confidence to do all that you call us to do. Amen.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION MV 224: May the God of Peace

May the God of peace and of all good,
May the god of peace and of all good be always with you. Amen!
May God's peace be with you. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Please take your bulletins with you when you leave the pew.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- April 21 – Cochrane Centre AGM (7PM)
- April 25 – Cochrane Street United Church ACM (11 AM)
- May 14-16 – First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Annual Meeting

MEMORIALS

*In Memory of Sig Lenser and Dave Boone
From June Knight*

*In Memory of Bill Knight
From wife, June*

*In Loving Memory of our dear father, William C. Knight Jr.
From daughter, Pamela, and David Burton*

*In Memory of The Drodge Family
From Betty Barnes*

*In Memory of parents, Louis & Leah Bursey
From Doug & Joan Bursey*

Cochrane Centre Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **April 21**, at **7:00 PM**. In compliance with current public health guidelines, in person attendance will be available with limited capacity. Preregistration will be required. Online participation will also be available. The links for both preregistration and online participation will be shared in next week's bulletin.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be on Sunday, **April 25**, at **11:00 AM** in the sanctuary. More details to follow soon

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Sunday School Rally Sunday was usually the first get together for the Sunday School after the summer and would have been held in the afternoon in the gym area of the building with all classes attending.

Here is the program for Rally Sunday Sept 17, 1961:

The Call to worship and prayer were followed by the Lord's Prayer. The hymn, *The Lord is my Shepherd*, was sung. An anthem followed the offering and then a story time. Before birthdays were announced, the hymn, *The King of Love my Shepherd Is*, was sung. The final hymn was *Jesus Bids Us Shine*. The Benediction ended the service.

Some of us may have attended this or similar services, and, of course, we remember the hymns.