

Cochrane Street United Church

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Easter Sunday

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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.

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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:

EASTER PROCLAMATION:

This is the Good News – the stone is rolled away,
The tomb is empty. Christ is Risen.

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah.

INTROIT VU 166: Joy Comes with the Dawn vs. 3

REFRAIN: Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.

We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise,
to the One who brings us grace. **R**

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 VU 179: Hallelujah Give Thanks to the Risen Christ vs. 4

REFRAIN: Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.

Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour. **R**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

This day is not like any other day.

Today we slow down.

Today we take it all in. Today we rest in good news.

This day is not like any other day.

Today we are singing.

Today we are full to the brim. Today joy cannot be contained.

This day is not like any other day.

Today the stone was rolled away. Today the women saw the empty grave. Today we know—death does not win.

This day is not like any other day.

Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

God of resurrection,
you rolled the stone away
and the tomb of our world has been opened wide.
With the dawn has come a new creation.

Let our celebration today
empty our tombs,
renew our lives,
and release your power;
through the risen Christ we pray. Amen

HYMN VU 155: Jesus Christ is Risen Today vs. 1–4

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!

- 3 But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of new life,
we are a mixed bag.**

**We want to be full to the brim with hope and joy,
but often we overflow with comparison and doubt.**

**We want to embody the resurrection,
but often we'd rather stay the same than to begin again.**

**We want to have the courage to be like the women on that
Easter morning— to run and speak truth,**

**but often we are weary of courage
and uncertain of our own voices.**

Forgive us for all the ways we remain unchanged.

Break into our hearts.

Overflow here.

With hope we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Family of faith,

if there is life after death,

then you can be certain—

there is life after mess.

There is life after mistakes.

There is life after doubt.

There is new life freely given,

and that life is for you.

You are forgiven, loved, and claimed.

May we live full to the brim in response.

Thanks be to God, and let it be so. Alleluia! Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY HYMN VU 159: The Strife is O'er vs. 4

On the third morn he rose again,
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain, hallelujah!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy God,
we so often long for more.
We want more than the hamster wheel life
of to-do lists and errands,
meal prep and alarm clocks.
We want more than comparison and competition.
We want more than fear that leads to violence.
We want a life that is teeming with alleluias.
We want a life overcrowded with hope.
We want a life jam-packed with forgiveness.
We want a life so full that the stone just has to be rolled away.
So today we pray—
break the dam.
Dust the cobwebs from our ears.
Clear space in our minds to hear you clearly.
Speak to us as only you can.
We long for you.
Gratefully we pray, amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 1 – 18

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

HYMN VU 161: Welcome Happy Morning vs. 1, 2, & 3

- 1 Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today:
come then, True and Faithful, now fulfil your word;
this is your third morning: rise, O buried Lord!
REFRAIN: Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!
- 2 Earth with joyful welcome clothes itself for spring;
greeted with life reviving our returning king:
flowers in every pasture, leaves on every bough,
speak of sorrows ended; Jesus triumphs now! **R**

3 Author and sustainer, source of life and breath;
you for our salvation trod the path of death:
Jesus Christ is living, God for evermore!
Now let all creation hail him and adore. **R**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

On the day of his resurrection,
Jesus appeared to two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus,
but they did not recognize him.
Later while he was at the table with them,
he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened,
and they recognized him.

At this table, the Risen Jesus meets us in the breaking of bread,
So come let us share in his feast of new and everlasting life!

The Great Thanksgiving

Alleluia! thanks and praise to you,
Almighty and Ever-Living God,
creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast and constant.

And so, with your people of every time and every place,
we join our voices in the unending hymn
of light, life, and love, singing:

Sung Response

Holy God of Power and Might! Hallelujah!
Heav'n and earth shine with your light! Hallelujah!
Loud Hosannas now we sing! Hallelujah!
Blessings to our Risen King! Hallelujah!

God of our salvation,
through your Son, Jesus Christ,
and by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,
you gave birth to your Church,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Once we were no people,
but now we are your people,
and so we shout: **Alleluia!**

By your great mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope through Christ's resurrection.
You have given us the promise
of new hope, new possibilities, and new life,
through your unfathomable, unending,
and unconditional love and grace.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,
and after giving thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to those who sat with him, saying:
"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying:
"Take, drink. This is my blood, poured out for you,
for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

On the day you raised him from the dead, Jesus was recognized by
his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and even today he comes
to meet us as we share this meal together. And so, with joy
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Sung Response:

Dying, Christ destroyed our death! Hallelujah!
Rising, Christ restores our life! Hallelujah!
We believe and we proclaim, Hallelujah!
Jesus Christ will come again! Hallelujah!

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit,
upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit, make us one with Christ
and one with each other, united by resurrection power.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours,
God most holy, now and forever.

Sung Response

**'Amen, Amen,' hear our prayer! Hallelujah!
As the bread and cup we share! Hallelujah!
At this table, Christ we meet, Hallelujah!
Present here with wounded feet, Hallelujah!**

We gather these and all of our prayers in the name of the Risen Jesus, who teaches us to pray together, saying...

**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.**

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Friends, these are the gifts of God for the People of God.
Let us share these gifts, together!

Prayer after Communion:

**Holy and Gracious God,
Here at this table your promise of new life
is made tangible.**

**We have rested in the depth of your love;
We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence;
We have felt your presence among us
and welcomed you into our lives.**

And we give you thanks.

**Send us forth from this table
to proclaim your resurrection:**

**to feed as we have been fed,
to forgive as we have been forgiven,
to love as we have been loved,**

**for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

HYMN VU 173: Thine Is the Glory

- 1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.
REFRAIN: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
- 2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. **R**
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **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 BLESSING

SUNG BLESSING VU #164: The Day of Resurrection vs. 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.

POSTLUDE

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April	17:	Easter and Communion
April	24:	CSUC Worship Service (on-line only)
May	13 - 15:	FDEE ACM (on-line only)
May	15:	Celebrating 140 th Anniversary of CSUC
May	15:	CSUC ACM

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you wish to add an announcement, please have it into the office by Wednesday at noon.

NO SCENTS Makes Good Sense! A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Thank you for helping.

Rev. Miriam is on Vacation and Study Leave from April 18–May 1. If there is an emergency while she is off, please contact Rev. James Ravenscroft at St. James United Church. He can be reached at 709-351-0983. On April 24th, Rev. Miriam and Evan have pre-recorded an on-line service. On May 1st, Tim Reynolds will lead our Sunday worship service and Maggie Power will be our guest music leader.

Mission Articulation Plan (MAP) Team: The Church Council is required to establish a MAP Team and produce a MAP prior to its search for a new minister. There is a template that has been produced for this document, and a Regional Council MAP Liaison has been appointed to assist the team in preparing the document. The MAP process will chart out the future direction of Cochrane Street united Church and its Ministry over the next number of years. It is anticipated that this document would be completed before the summer so that a search team can be appointed to then proceed with the search for a new Minister. There are currently two men who have volunteered to be on the Team. The Council is searching for two additional members, preferably women, to round out the team.

If you are interested in being part of the MAP Team, please email the Council Chair, Stephen B. Jewczyk at sjewczyk@gmail.com or telephone 763-3213.

SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER VOLUNTEER: Council is seeking a volunteer to be actively engaged in Cochrane Street United Church's social media platforms (Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Instagram) that are currently managed by Rev. Miriam Bowlby. The successful volunteer will support and update the various platforms on a weekly basis commencing in July 2022. If you are a social media whizz or someone in your household is interested in managing our social media platforms, please contact the church office at info@cochranestreetuc.com or 709-722-3023. Rev. Miriam will provide an orientation lesson on the social media platforms and what is required to keep them up to date.

Seeking 2022 Church Council Members: The Church Council is seeking members of the congregation to sit on the 2022 Church Council. Have a say in the monthly decisions about the church by joining the Church Council! If you are interested in being part of the Church Council, please email the Council Chair, Stephen B. Jewczyk at sjewczyk@gmail.com or telephone 763-3213.

Nominations: The United Church has launched a call for nominations (<https://united-church.ca/opportunities>) for the next Executive, the Board of Vocation and a wide range of committees. These groups will carry out the work of the General Council after the 44th General Council in August. Lay people and ministry personnel are needed with a variety of skills who hold a commitment to supporting the work of the United Church. This is a great way to connect with other members, deepen your faith, and concretely support the call and vision of this United Church of ours.

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of The Drodge Family,
From Betty Barnes*

*In Loving Memory of a Special and Dear Friend Margaret
Elaine (Lewis) Dakins, From Ian Barrett
HAPPY EASTER TO ALL*

*In Memory of Loved Ones,
From Cheryl, Byron, Ellice and Allana*

*In Memory of Parents Leah & Lewis Bursey
and Brother Gordon Bursey,
From Doug & Joan Bursey*

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

On Good Friday Apr 19, 1957, the Choir presented "A Good Friday Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer".

Extract from Choir report 1979: "On Good Friday Apr 13, the Choir, with the assistance of Lynn Channing, Michael Donnan, Morgan Sharpe and Carla Furlong, presented "Requiem" by Gabriel Fauré. The public support for this presentation was the best the Choir has experienced.