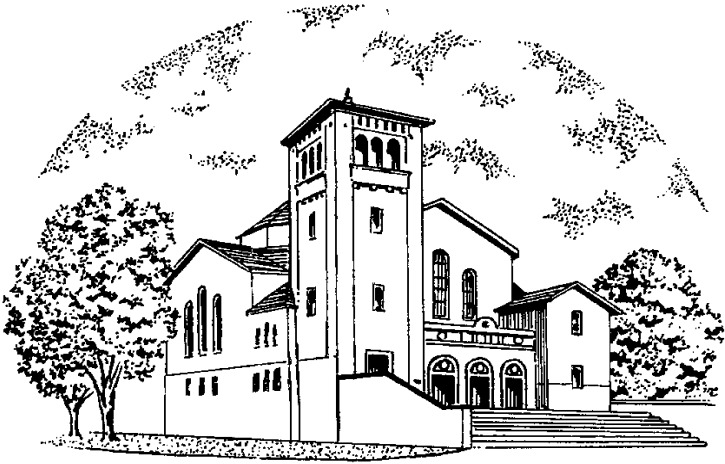


Cochrane Street United Church

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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 19 – APRIL 25

Wednesday: 7:00 PM Cochrane Centre Annual General Mtg
Thursday: 10:00 AM Zoom Prayer Group
Sunday: 11:00 AM CSUC Annual Congregational Mtg

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
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CONTACT REV. MIRIAM

Have a question or need to make an appointment?

You can reach Rev. Miriam in the following ways:

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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:

Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.

We have come to this place in need for healing and hope.

Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.

We come here seeking guidance and strength.

Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.
**Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to comprehend your word
and follow you faithfully.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

**Holy God,
When the journey is hard
strength is failing, we lose the path, stumble or fall,
You raise us up,
refresh, encourage, give hope.
You enable us to continue on our way,
climb mountains or simply follow day by day. Amen.**

HYMN MV # 12: Come Touch our Hearts vs. 1, 3, & 5

1. Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.
3. Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.
5. Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all, come touch us with your grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**You call us to follow and our footsteps falter,
reach out your hand and we treat you as stranger,
whisper our name and we simply ignore you.
Gracious God,
slow to anger, swift to bless,
forgive us, restore us.
Grant us hearts that stand firm,
a faith that is strong and a hope that endures. 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 # 306: God of the Farmlands vs. 2, 3, 6

God of the rivers in their course, God of the nations, women, men,
 God of the swelling sea, God of each humble soul,
where we must strive with nature's force, we seek your gracious aid again:
our guardian ever be. O come and make us whole.

God of the dark and sombre mine,
God of its hard-won store,
your love through toil and peril shine,
your strength our hope secure.

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:

Holy God,
You speak to us in many ways,
through rushing wind or still small voice,
in Scripture's Word and through your Grace.
Help us hear your voice above the clamour of this world,
recognize the difference and follow only you. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:12 - 19

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSIVE PSALM 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

² How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

³ But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.

⁴ **When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.**

⁵ Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶ **There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"**

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ **I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36 - 48

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

Anthem: Morning Has Broken

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 #420: Go To the World vs. 1, 3 & 4

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;

the nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

for I am with you 'til the age shall end,

when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Sig Lenser,

From Patricia Young

In Loving Memory of Special Friend,

Margaret Elaine (Lewis) Dakins, From Ian Barrett

2020 ANNUAL REPORTS: There will be a limited number of 2020 Annual Reports available on Sunday, April 18 – one per household. You can also call the office and arrange to pick up a copy.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) will be on Sunday, **April 25**, at **11:00 AM**, in the sanctuary. You are encouraged to register as It is important that we achieve a quorum of at least 20 to hold the meeting. Due to public health protocols, we will attempt to keep the meeting to an hour.

Our worship service for April 25 will be available at 9 am NST on our [Facebook Page](#), [YouTube Channel](#) and [website](#).

COCHRANE CENTRE AGM:

The Cochrane Centre Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **April 21**, at **7 PM**. In compliance with current public health guidelines, in person attendance will be available with limited capacity. Online participation will also be available. To attend in person you must preregister at <https://forms.gle/ua4xWPP54sUEqFBe9>, or you can register by phone by calling the Centre at 754-2532.

To allow for virtual attendance, the meeting will be live streamed to the Cochrane Centre Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cochrane-centre.ca. The Facebook page will be monitored for questions during the meeting.

Shopper's Run for Women in Support of Stella's Circle:

Don't let the word "run" stop you! Walking is an option. It is well known that fortified by a good cup of tea Stella Burry could accomplish just about anything! The legacy of her work continues in the work done by Stella's Circle. The funds raised by the Run for Women support mental programs for women at Stella's Circle.

This year the Run for Women is virtual. You can choose your own route and your own time to do the walk or run any time **from July 4 - 11**. The registration fee goes directly to support the work of Stella's Circle and each participant receives a \$100 swag bag, t-shirt and bracelet. Last year we raised \$1400. Let's see if we can do it again. Please join our team called "Stella's Tea Cups."

If you want to join or have questions, email revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com or go directly to <https://www.runforwomen.ca/Cities/StJohns.aspx> to register!

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

During the 1950s' winter months, a temporary porch was installed at the centre door to the Cochrane Street entrance of the sanctuary and removed each spring. I do not know when it began or ended but I have found records indicating that it was in place in 1959 and 1960.