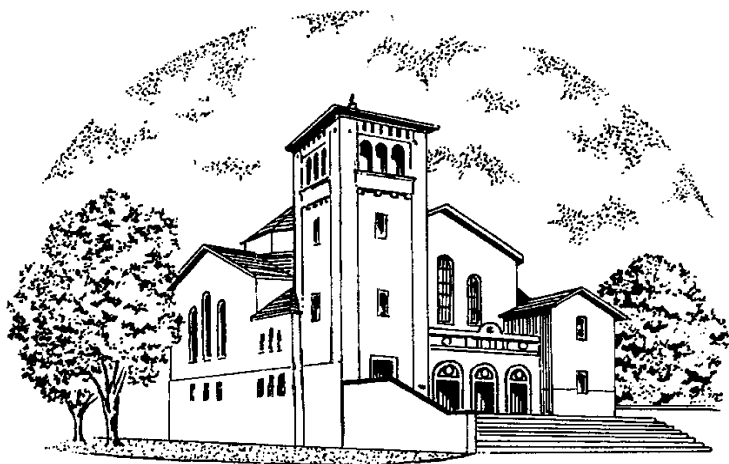


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Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

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

USHERING TEAM FOR APRIL

Keith Bowden, Eldred Butt, David Boone,
Harold Grandy, John Bowden

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET APRIL 29 – MAY 05

Tuesday: 12:30 PM YOGA Cochrane Street Entrance
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance
Wednesday: 12:15 PM Prayer Group Bannerman Street Entrance
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesday 10:00 am – 3:00 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:

Email: revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com or Cell: 709-728-8410

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*This Week's Bulletin is Dedicated
with Loving Memories of Rev. Fred Bradbury
from his Family*

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

INTROIT MV #8, v.1: And On This Path

***WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

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 Hale, Hale, Hale

Hale, Hale, Hallelujah, Hale, Hale, Hallelujah

Hale, Hale, Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah **X2**

***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 # 158: Christ Is Alive**

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN MV #12: Come Touch Our Hearts**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY & PRAYER

***OFFERTORY HYMN # MV 182: Grateful**

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,

joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.

Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,

joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you

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 5:27 - 32

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

Reader: Eldred Butt

RESPONSIVE PSALM 150 page 874

Reader: Frances McNiven

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19 - 31

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

ANTHEM: Mañanitas de mi Tierra, *by Julio Fonseca*

SERMON:

***HYMN 166: Joy Comes with the Dawn**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 # 213: Rejoice, the Lord is King**

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

CHORAL BENEDICTION # 884: You Shall Go Out with Joy

POSTLUDE

An Easter Poem

By Frances McNiven

I am looking at the stone that rolled away
that released me from hate, anger, and fear
the stone that rolled away
opening a world of loving and care
the stone that rolled away
showing me the one
who saved me, God's only son
I am looking at the stone that rolled away
finally, I can see
the stone that rolled away
and the sacrifice that set me free

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, May 26th – **UCOF Joint Worship Service (7:00 pm)**
Sunday, May 26th – **CSUC UCW Bake Sale**

GOOD NEWS! Plastic is up in the balcony as renovations are underway.

Announcements: If you wish to have an announcement included in the bulletin, please have it into the office by Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

Sanctuary Sound System: We have a looped system for the hearing impaired. Please ask one of the ushers for a headset.

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

Dear First Dawn Eastern Edge Congregations and Clergy: As we are struggling to understand the violence and hatred in our world and as we see pictures of the horrific attacks in Sri Lanka, we hold our brothers and sisters in Christ in our thoughts and prayers. As they begin the heavy grieve and sadness with the burials of their family members. There are no words – just deep sadness and prayer. Dr. Syed Mansoor Pirzada, President of Muslim Association of NL, has extended on behalf of his association heartfelt condolences to our Christian brothers and sisters in humanity residing in our province and beyond. Taking this opportunity, to confirm that they stand together with us to confront such hate and bigotry and to promote peace. When we stand in solidarity with one another, there is hope. Blessings from Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister

Below is a message to Pacquet United Church from Rev. Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister. Please hold the members of Pacquet United Church and the Nipper's Harbour Pastoral Charge in your thoughts and prayers as they journey through this time of uncertainty:

Dear Members of the Pacquet United Church and Clergy (Rev. Donna Hann), It is with a heavy heart that I write this message to you, a faithful and dedicated congregation of the United Church in Newfoundland and Labrador.

I have watched the news reports as your beautiful building billows smoke and fire. Of course we all know that in our communities, the church is more than a building, it is our spiritual home, a gathering place where we celebrate and grieve together through the passages of life. In our small rural communities, it is the beacon of strength and hope. Please know the whole Region are holding you in our thoughts and prayers today and in the coming days.

As we put our faith and hope in the resurrected Christ, may the way forward become clearer in the next days and months.

Regional Council Representative: The regional council meets once a year at locations around the province for 2-3 days. The regional council rep will join with other representatives from across Newfoundland and Labrador. The congregation, along with 8 others, makes the membership of **Bridges to Hope**. Each of the 9 churches has a rep on the board of directors. This Bridges to Hope board of directors meets monthly from September to June, and board members are asked to be on a committee or support the work of Bridges to Hope. This Bridges to Hope rep does not sit on the church council, but does provide updates to the congregation on the work of Bridges to Hope.

CSUC's United Church Women are having a bake sale after Church on Sunday, May 26, 2019.

CSUC Men's Club & UCW PLANT, BOOK & BAKE SALE – June 8, 9AM-3PM (Bannerman Entrance): Admission, \$1.00. Have tea/coffee and a muffin for \$2.00 while you shop. Donations gratefully accepted. For further details, please contact the church office at 722-3023. If you have any spare plant pots to donate, please drop off at the church office. Many thanks!

8 Week Yoga Session: Want to try yoga? This is a great chance to give it a try! All levels of experience welcome. Classes are Tuesdays, 12:30pm, at Cochrane Centre from April 16 - June 4. Cost is \$51.75. Sign up by going to this site: <https://sites.google.com/site/karmafitnessyoga/yoga-flow-registration-cochrane-st-church>.

Recyclables: Drop off your recyclables at any Green Depot and use the Cochrane Street Code (our phone number) 7223023. Your empty containers will support the ministries of our congregation! Can't get your recyclables to the depot? Call the church office and we will arrange to pick them up. Thank you in advance for your help.

The Agnes Pratt Home Foundation is joining a VOWR Gospel Hour on Thursday, May 2, 8pm-10pm, channel 800, on your am radio dial. If you would like to mark a special occasion or give thanks, you are invited to participate by sponsoring one of the hymns in the attached list at <http://aphf.ca/2019/04/vowr-gospel-hour/>. Individuals will be recognized during the broadcast. Please be sure to fill in your hymn selection as well as your pledge amount and payment info on the form provided on the above website. The **money raised will be used for the Southview Renovation Project** within the Home. Visit www.aphf.ca to find out more. Please drop off your request form and donation to The Agnes Pratt Home Foundation at the Home's Information Desk.

*We are only a week or so away and we have had less than desirable responses so will **gladly accept donations on the night of**. I don't want us in an embarrassing position that we have songs without sponsors. If you are planning to sponsor a song or encourage others to do so, **please contact Jackie asap, so I can assess our position (752-8957)**.*

COCHRANE CENTRE: Did you know that we are always looking for volunteers for our up-coming events? Call 754-2532 or email jenelle@firstlightnl.ca if you are interested in volunteering.

St. John's Social Innovation Challenge: Everyone is welcome! Over \$4,000 in prizes! Registration is FREE and childcare is provided. Join us at Cochrane Centre May 4, 8:30am-5:00pm, via 42 Bannerman Street. Social Innovation Challenges are gatherings that inspire local social innovators to collaborate and launch their social ideas. These are hugely impactful as social innovators become part of an ecosystem and are supported by local collaborators through their time, advice, and connections. Find more info and register online: <http://www.socialinnovationchallenge.ca/stjohns/>.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Continuing our notes about women's groups from before Easter: The Wednesday Fellowship Group was a standalone group, formed in the early 1950s by a group of women in the congregation. It was organized with officers and a constitution. It met during the day, often at a member's home. Its activities are documented in the annual reports to the congregation. It provided support and fellowship to its members – most of whom had young children. It disbanded in 1961. Of note is a silver baptismal bowl presented to the congregation and inscribed "Gift of the Wednesday Fellowship Club January 1956". It was used for baptisms while we were worshipping at the Seventh Day Adventist building during our renovations.