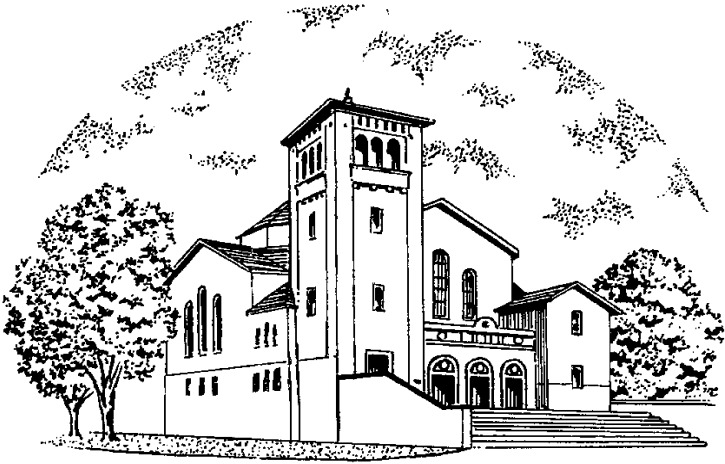


# Cochrane Street United Church

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# Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

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

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## USHERING TEAM FOR APRIL

Brian Johnston, Sandy Stavlo, Sandra Garland

## 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: MV # 71: When the Wind of Winter Blows (vs. 1)

1. When the wind of winter blows,  
bringing times of solitude,  
fill the silent icy night;  
be our hearts' compassion.

*REFRAIN:* Holy Light, warm our night;  
warm the time of winter.  
Holy Light, warm our night;  
warm the time of winter.

## 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 #7: Gather Us In

Gather us in, ground us in you. **(2X)**

Gather us in, gather us in,

ground us, ground us in you.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

May we find courage here—

**courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.**

May we find hope here—

**hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.**

May we find truth here—

**truth that lives in sacred community,**

**truth that lives in ancient stories.**

May we find all that we seek.

**And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Holy One,**

**You can be found:**

**in the rich, deep loam of our apathy,**

**where you plant the seeds of justice;**

**behind the barbed words of our angry retorts,**

**as you whisper of our oneness;**

**in the list of our exhausting schedules,**

**where you pencil in oases for our weariness;**

**And so, in the cracking of our hearts,**

**and the brokenness of the Bread,**

**we will find you;**

**when we empty the Cup,**

**refill it with our gifts and offer it to a little child,**

**we will find you;**

**as we move the chairs aside**

**to make room for everyone**

**at your Table, we will find you. 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:**

Jesus of Nazareth,  
we admit that often we tuck our faith into our pockets,  
hiding in a place of comfort rather than proudly declaring:  
yes we are Christian,  
yes we believe,  
yes this faith has changed me.  
We are so afraid of offending others  
or embarrassing ourselves that we have established rules:  
no faith at the dinner table,  
no faith in politics,  
no faith with strangers.  
Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing.  
Forgive us for staying quiet  
when we could be part of rewriting the narrative.  
We want to be brave.  
We want to pour out perfume over your feet.  
These things we pray, amen

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Hear this good news:  
Even in our silence, **God loves us.**  
Even in our fear or shame, **God chooses us.**  
Even when we sin, **God wraps us in grace.**  
You are free—to be bold, to be brazen,  
to be exactly who God called you to be.  
**Thanks be to God, amen.**

## **LEARNING TOGETHER**

### **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](mailto:csuctreasurer@gmail.com). You can sign up for PAR (Pre-Authourized Remittance) or use the donate button on our website.*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN VU #120: O Jesus I Have Promised vs. 1**

1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:  
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

# GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy God,

sometimes my waking is a prayer.

Sometimes the song I have stuck in my head,  
rumbling around on repeat, is a prayer.

Sometimes the way I talk to the children  
and the way I hug the dog is a prayer.

Sometimes the way I take my phone out to get a picture of the  
sunset or of the people I love—that is a prayer.

Other times, prayer is moments like this—

heads bowed, eyes closed, hearts quiet for just a moment.

And in all of it, I trust you to hear me.

Help me to hear you in return.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:1 - 8

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

## ANTHEM:

## SERMON:

## HYMN VU #480: Let us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread together on our knees,  
let us break bread together on our knees.

*REFRAIN:* When I fall down on my knees  
with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees,  
let us drink wine together on our knees. R

3 Let us praise God together on our knees,  
let us praise God together on our knees. R

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Table

Jesus has always been one to invite.

He said, "Drop your nets and follow me."

He said, "Let the little children come."

He said, "Stand up from your mat, you are healed."

Jesus has always been one to invite, and that has not changed.

So friends, you are invited to this Table.  
Each and every one of us  
—with our doubts, our fears, our scars, our joy, our dreams, our  
hopes, our questions  
—we are invited to God’s table.  
And here we will be met. Here we will be fed.  
Here we are given a taste of an expansive life  
that is full to the brim with love, overflowing with joy.  
So come. Not because you must, but because you can. Come.  
You are invited. This Table is for you.

### **Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God who knows us, we are amazed by you.  
Your love never runs out,  
your hope never runs dry, your joy never gives up.  
We wish that we could be more like you in that way.

In a world that loves scarcity, your abundance is shocking.  
In a world that knows fear, your joy is compelling.  
In a world that knows anxiety, your peace is captivating.  
We long for these things.

So today we ask you—be with us on the hamster wheel.  
Be with us when compassion fatigue rears her head.  
Be with us when stress makes it hard to breathe.  
Be with us when self-doubt pushes in close.  
Be with us when exhaustion becomes constant  
or when loneliness becomes our primary language.  
Be with us, and show us the way to the life you long for us.

We give you thanks, O Loving God,  
for sending us Jesus, your Chosen One,  
Bread for our journey.  
He lived and loved his human life,

taking upon himself our suffering and sorrow,  
being tested as we are tested,  
and reaching out to broken victims  
of the world's brokenness.  
In him we come to know your truth,  
to feel the life that is Christ within us.

Show us a life of expansive faith.  
Show us a life of overflowing joy.  
Show us a life of absorbing beauty.  
Show us a life of engrossing purpose.  
Show us a life that is as honest, and rich, and meaningful as the one  
Jesus led.

And until that expansive and holy day, we will continue to gather at  
this Table.  
We will continue to look for you in our midst  
and raise our voices in praise singing:

### **Sung Response MV # 203**

O holy, holy, holy God, O God of Time and space,  
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.  
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings you praise.  
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always.

On the night before he died,  
it was Jesus who took a loaf of bread,  
gave you thanks, broke it, and said,  
"Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me."  
Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying,  
"This is the new covenant; remember me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

### **Sung Response MV #203:**

Sing Christ has died and Christ is Risen, Christ will come again!  
Sing Christ has died and Christ is Risen, Christ will come again!

So pour out a double portion of yourself onto this bread and cup so  
that we might catch a glimpse of your goodness.



God, we are amazed by you.

Your love never runs out, so bring that never-ending love here.

This sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
we offer you, loving God,  
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 MV #203**

Amen, Amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!

Amen, Amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!

### **Together we Sing VU #959: The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil:

for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever and ever.

### **Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup**

The bread we break

**is our sharing in the life of Christ.**

The cup for which we give thanks

**is our communion in the blood of Christ.**

### **Prayer After Communion**

**We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness;  
that wine poured out replenishes;  
that time spent with the Risen Christ  
and one another is gift and grace.**

**Amen**

## GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

### HYMN VU 112: O God, How We Have Wandered

- 1 O God, how we have wandered  
and hidden from your face;  
in foolishness have squandered  
your legacy of grace.  
But how, in exile dwelling,  
we turn with fear and shame,  
as distant but compelling,  
you call us each by name.
- 2 And now at length discerning  
the evil that we do,  
by faith we are returning  
with hope and trust in you.  
In haste you come to meet us,  
and home rejoicing bring,  
in gladness there to greet us  
with calf and robe and ring.
- 3 O God of all the living,  
both banished and restored,  
compassionate, forgiving,  
our peace and hope assured.  
Grant now that our transgressing,  
our faithlessness may cease.  
Stretch out your hand in blessing,  
in pardon, and in peace.

### 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 #212: Sent Out in Jesus Name**

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now  
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.  
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.  
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.  
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.

## **POSTLUDE**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

April	3:	Communion
April	5	CSUC Council Meeting (ZOOM)
April	10:	Palm Sunday
April	10:	CSUC ACM Reports Due
April	17:	Easter and Communion
April	24:	CSUC Worship Service <b>(on-line only)</b>
May	13 - 15:	FDEE ACM <b>(on-line only)</b>
May	15:	Celebrating 140 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CSUC
May	15:	CSUC ACM

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

During Holy Week, there will be several services each night at 7:30 PM. The Good Friday service will take place at 12:00 PM and there will be activities for children in the hall. For live streaming and Covid-19 protocols, please consult each congregation's website. The Holy Week Services hosted by the United Communities of Faith are as follows:

<b>Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM</b>	First United Church
<b>Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM</b>	Cochrane Street United Church
<b>Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM</b>	Wesley United Church
<b>Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM</b>	Topsail United Church
<b>Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM</b>	Gower Street United Church
<b>Saturday Easter Vigil April 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM</b>	St. James United Church

**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.

**BRIDGES TO HOPE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** The Bridges to Hope AGM will take place on **Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** at Wesley United Church. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting, which will begin at 7:00 pm.

**Youth Forum 2022:** We are gauging interest for an in-person Youth Forum event and looking for some information from you! The event would be the weekend of June 4th for youth of our region age 12-18. There will be limited capacity, so express your interest now and keep an eye out for registration! Clergy, youth, parent, leaders – please fill out the survey.  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzZJxVFFLkUxPErLBiD1sNmfwqlrTqbmUDaNb2xZk7Eqjvaw/viewform>. Any questions, please contact Catherine at [cstuart@united-church.ca](mailto:cstuart@united-church.ca).

**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). These platforms have been developed for several years and 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 722-3023 or [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com). Rev. Miriam will provide an orientation lesson on the social media platforms and what is required to keep them up to date.

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** Hello Everyone! We are getting ready for our annual meeting. Harold Grandy has graciously volunteered to put the annual reports together again this year. To help make this as easy as possible, please send your report in MS Word format to Harold at [hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca) BY Sunday, April 10, 2022. If your group has its own bank account, please include your financial statement. Thanks for your help.

**Medjool Dates and Palestinian Olive Oil:** Easter is on its way as is Ramadan. Medjool dates are an ideal gift for these occasions. If you are interested in purchasing them, please get in touch with Carmel Conway at 722 0121. If you are interested in Palestinian Olive oil you can obtain it at Gower St United Church or 'Food for Thought on 84 Gower Street'. Both sell for \$20.00

### NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

*Extract from Choir report 1968:*

On Feb 27th when the newly renovated church hall was opened, the choir provided a musical program at the reception.

On Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> the Christmas Carol Service was held in the evening and the president of the choir passed to the minister, on behalf of the congregation, keys to a new piano for the church hall.

The choir purchased the piano from funds accumulated from afternoon teas and extra programs performed over the previous few years.

[This piano is the one used in the hall since that time.]