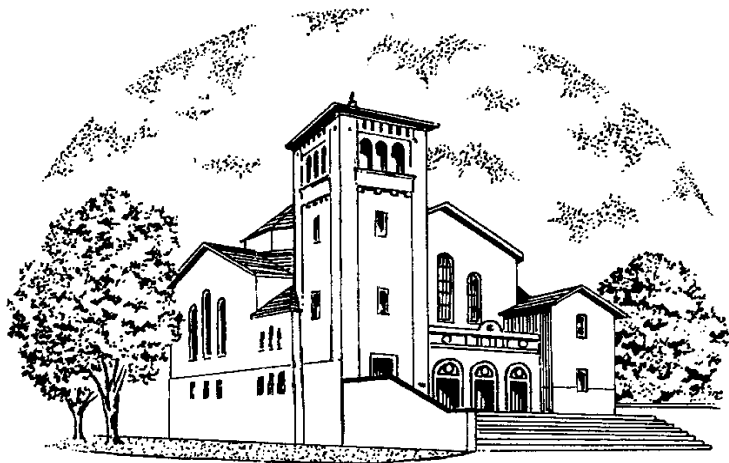


Cochrane Street United Church

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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.
Following worship there is a time of fellowship.

USHERING TEAM FOR AUGUST 18

Keith Bowden, Eldred Butt, David Boone,
Jo-Ann Kelly, David Molyneux

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET AUGUST 19 – AUGUST 25

Tuesday: 12:15 Pm Concert Katherine Moffatt
accompanied by Evan Smith
Sunday: 11:00 AM Worship at Cochrane Street United Church

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesday 10:00 pm – 3:00 pm
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Have a question or need to make an appointment?

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

*INTROIT: O Master, Let me Walk with Thee

O Master let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
Teach me thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

*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 MV # 18 Lord Prepare Me

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, let us praise the living God,
who loved us before we were even born.

Come, let us praise the living God,
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

Come, let us praise the living God,
whose presence never leaves us,

Come, let us praise the living God,
whose love for us never ceases.

This is our God! Let us worship together!

*PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Holy God,
Your love flows like a stream
into the ocean of your Grace.
Your love encircles this world,
displays your faithfulness.
Your love is patient and kind,
brings wholeness and true peace.
Your love is all we desire

to heal our brokenness.
As all things pass and fade away
love remains eternally. Amen

***HYMN # 226: For the Beauty of the Earth**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Love has its source in you, Creator God.
Flows from you like an ocean,
into a world as unyielding as any shoreline cliff.
And like the ocean which batters, erodes,
and wears away even the hardest stone
Your love persists, finds cracks and inlets,
in hardened hearts,
flows inside and works a miracle.
Who would think that water was more
powerful than granite,
love mightier than the hardest heart?
Thank you, Creator God,
for the power of your love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

God's love is sure and steadfast,
always providing a way out,
a way through, a way back to God.
We are a forgiven people.
Thanks be to God. Amen

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN # 337: Blessed Assurance**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Brothers and Sisters, we gather now to celebrate the gift of God's
grace that is given to us in the Sacrament of Baptism.

We are one body and one spirit.

We have one hope in the risen Christ.

There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism.

One God and Creator of us all.

**Out of the waters of baptism we rise to new life, forgiven of sin
and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.**

Presentation

On behalf of the congregation
I present the following person
for initiation into the Body of Christ through Baptism:

Saoirse Rose Quinn

Profession of Faith

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you promise to resist evil and to live in love and justice?

I do, by the grace of God.

Do you believe in the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit—in God, source of love, in Jesus Christ, love incarnate, and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in the mission and ministry of Christ's Church?

I will, God being my helper.

Vows for the parents:

Will you share with your child the Christian life, and seek to grow with her in faith, hope and love?

I will, God being my helper.

Vows for the Sponsor

Do you promise through prayer and example to support and encourage **Saoirse Rose Quinn** to be a faithful Christian?

I do.

Vows for the Congregation

Let us pledge our support and care for those being baptized today:
As a baptized and baptizing congregation, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within a community that worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice and resists evil. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

Let us with the whole Church confess our faith:

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, Eternal God,
for you nourish and sustain all living things
by the gift of water.

In the time of Noah,
you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood,
giving righteousness a new beginning.

You led Israel out of slavery,
through the waters of the sea,
into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed are you, O God.

In the waters of the Jordan,
Jesus was baptized by John.
and anointed with your spirit.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection,
Christ set us free and opened the way to eternal life.

Blessed are you, O God.

We praise you that in baptism
you give us your Holy Spirit,
who teaches us and leads us into all truth,
filling us with a variety of gifts,
that we might proclaim the gospel
and serve as a royal priesthood.

Blessed are you, O God.

Pour out, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon this water
that this font may become our fount of blessing
and source of grace.

Blessed be the Lord our God, now and forever. Amen.

The Act of Baptism

I present to you, Saoirse Rose Quinn a member of the Body of Christ
through Baptism.

In God's circle of love, we hold on to each other;
I can see God's love through you.
In God's circle of love, we learn to love each other;
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.

Oh Saoirse did you know that you are very special?
You're so special to us all
Oh come if you will to our circle of love.
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.

In God's circle of love, we hold on to each other;
I can see God's love through you.
In God's circle of love, we learn to love each other;
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN #542: We Give You But Your Own**

We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

***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

Matthew 20:1 - 16

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

Reader: Charlie Pope

SOLO: Ryan MacFarland

SERMON: What About Grace?

***HYMN 266: Amazing Grace**

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 242: Let All Things Now Living**

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: All The Way My Saviour Leads Me #635 VU, Verse 1

All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell,
for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE! *A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Thank you for helping.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Sunday, September 15 – Joint Church Picnic Rotary Sunshine Park
(2:00-6:30pm)**

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

Sunday, September 8 will be our Rev. Miriam's last service before she goes on sabbatical leave.

Music Under the Dome – A Summer Lunchtime Concert Series

Cochrane Street United Church is hosting a series of lunch hour concerts from 12:15pm–1:00pm. Enjoy some great local music over your lunch break. There is a suggested minimum donation of \$10.

August 20th: Katherine Moffatt accompanied by Evan Smith

August 27th: Saltwater Strings — Dominic Green & Brett Vey

Beer and Hymns: We are back in another summer serving of Beer and Hymns on August 25, 2 - 5 pm, at 203 Logy Bay Road (St. Mark's Anglican Church). There will be hymns and fun summer games — washer toss anyone? This month we are featuring beer from Ninepenny Brewing and the amazing food from Poko Loko Food Truck. All ages and stages are welcome!

United Communities Of Faith Picnic: Sunshine Camp on Thorburn Road has been booked for September 15 from 2:00-6:30pm. Further information will be forthcoming as it becomes available from the joint picnic coordination team.

Parking Lot Update: There was a delay in starting the project which was largely due to a Bell Aliant line that runs directly under the current parking lot. We have been working with Bell and the contractor to be very careful when digging not to disturb the line until Bell's engineers finish their plan for moving the line overhead. Another surprise was a large tree stump with an extensive root system that wrapped around the line. This required manual labor to separate the roots from the line and cut the stump in to several pieces to have it removed. The ground composition has also presented a challenge. The engineer was on site to confirm that the ground being excavated could not be re-used to support the paving. Everything had to be removed and then filled with a more appropriate material. The anticipated completion date is August 9.

Sanctuary Update:

We had scheduled for sanctuary repairs to begin on July 2. The contractor requested to leave scaffolding up until the following Monday, as it was the only time he could get his employees to set this up. There was a wedding scheduled for that weekend, so that was deemed inappropriate. The contractor felt that they would not be able to finish the work before the next scheduled wedding in August so they backed out of the contract.

We are currently seeking another contractor to scrape, plaster, and paint the ceiling underneath the balcony. After consulting with a restoration company "Marlerworks" it was suggested that we invest in draping for the corners that are the most seriously damaged and wait for a more significant financial contribution before taking on the restoration work required there. They felt that it was not the best use of funds to begin restoring those corners, and sadly we agree. We are working hard on securing bigger dollars to restore and enhance the capacity of the sanctuary as soon as possible! We are hoping to have draping and some basic painting completed before mid-August.

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

Envelopes: Do you need envelopes? If so, please contact Harold Grandy. Email: hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca.

ZATOUN OLIVE OIL – The Church Council is again offering Zatoun Olive Oil for \$20 a bottle. “Zatoun is Palestine in a bottle” – Fair Trade Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Proceeds benefit farmers and children living in occupied Palestine and create awareness for peace in Palestine. Gower Street United Church are distributors for Zatoun as an Outreach Project and they have several United Churches as well as the Presbyterian Church participating in this project. If you wish to purchase this oil, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

Bridges to Hope and Clay Café are teaming up to fight hunger. On Wednesday August 21st, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, at St Andrews Presbyterian Church you can get a hand painted bowl filled with Turkey or Pea soup, a slice of Homemade Bread and water for \$20. For more information or to pre order go to www.bridgestope.ca

Best Kind Productions presents Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's classic, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, at Bowring Park's beautiful amphitheatre August 8-11, 6:30 PM and August 15-18, 6:30 PM. Saturday and Sunday Matinées both weekends at 2:00pm Admission (at the gate, cash only) \$20 Adults / \$10 Children 12 & Under. Featuring "opening act" concerts 30 minutes before each showtime. For more information, please contact: bestkindproductions@gmail.com.

Burry Heights Day Dinner Theatre: Let the younger members of the Burry Heights community entertain you while you dine! Join us Saturday, **September 21**, 5PM. For tickets contact burryheightsday@gmail.com or (709) 754-8824. Stuffed Chicken breast with all the trimmings (\$20); chicken nuggets for kids (\$10).

Easter Seals House on Mt. Scio Road, has experienced damage over the weekend of July 5-7, 2019, caused by a plumbing malfunction in a number of important areas. Renovations and repairs are expected to take months. If you are able, the best way to help our flood recovery efforts is to donate directly online at www.eastersealsnl.ca/give/. Thank you for your generosity.

CAFÉ OF MEMORIES: Join us as Lodge Westerland, in partnership with Alzheimer Society of Newfoundland & Labrador, hosts an afternoon of entertainment & refreshments for those with dementia and their caregivers. **All events are free of charge!** Please register by phone 576-0608 or email events@alzheimernl.ca.

Location: Freemason's Hall, 115 Mt. Carson Ave, Mount Pearl

Dates: September 12, October 1, and November 5 from 2:00PM - 4:00PM

