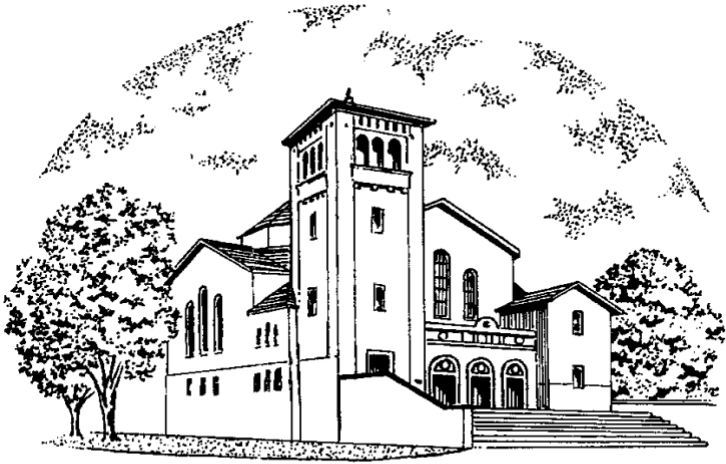


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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*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 299: Teach Me God to Wonder vs. 1

1 Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.

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 307: Touch the Earth Lightly vs. 4

4 God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Like a mountain stream exuberant in it's flow
you carry us into the river of your love,
and transport us gloriously, effortlessly,
to the ocean of your grace.
Let us worship praise God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Compassionate God,
the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life
for all who long for you.
One breath from you rescues us from being parched
and breathes joy into us that we might praise you,
and be filled with your holy hope.
Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit,
so that wholeness and new life may burst into bloom.
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

HYMN VU 401: Worship the Lord vs. 1, 3 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We are called together by Christ
as a community of broken but hopeful believers,
loving what he loved,
living what he taught,
striving to be faithful servants of God
in our time and place.
We offer worship
as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
and a practice of opening ourselves
to God's still, small voice of comfort,
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.
Through word, music, art, and sacrament,
in community and in solitude,
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.
We sing with trust. Amen *(A Song of Faith)*

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

LEARNING TOGETHER

HYMN VU #563: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore vs. 1 -3

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 VU 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

John 11:1 - 6

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

Responsive Psalm 91

- ¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,^[a]
- ² **will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.”**
- ³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;
- ⁴ **he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**
- ⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night,
or the arrow that flies by day,
- ⁶ **or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**
- ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
- ⁸ **You will only look with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.**
- ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,^[b]
the Most High your dwelling place,
- ¹⁰ **no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**
- ¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
- ¹² **On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**
- ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
- ¹⁴ **Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**
- ¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.
- ¹⁶ **With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:17 - 27

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

SOLO: Becca Bartlett

SERMON:

Reflective Music

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 VU 625: I Feel the Winds of God Today

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 VU 422: God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again vs. 1

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

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