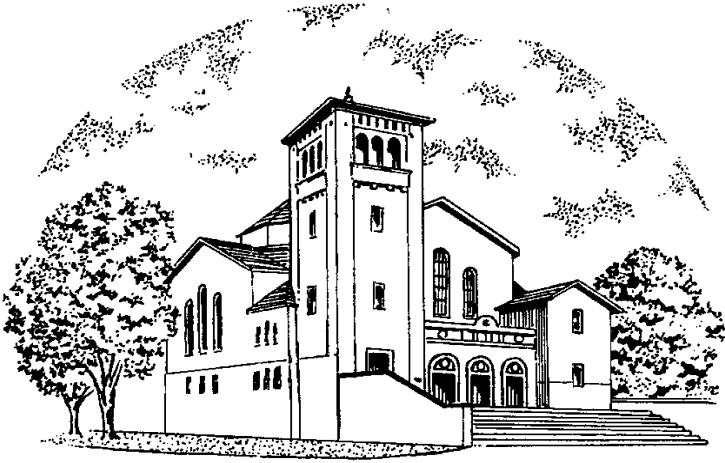


Cochrane Street United Church

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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 4

Roger Crosbie, Jim Austin, John Perlin, Lloyd Brown, Jeff Critch, Jim Oakely

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET August 5 – AUGUST 11

Sunday: 11:00 AM Worship at Cochrane Street United Church

OFFICE

The Administrative Assistant is on vacation, returning August 13.
Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact
Rev. Miriam. Her contact information is below.

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Cochrane Centre Contact information for bookings
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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

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:**

Generous God, for all that sustains us;
air to breath, warmth and light,
food to eat, water to drink,

we offer our thanks and praise.

For spiritual gifts that bind us together;
one people, one body empowered for service

we offer our hands and voices.

For the Good News of the Gospel;
healing and wholeness, freedom and justice

we offer our hearts in service.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Creator of all things,

Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End.

Whose love poured out mends broken hearts.

Whose wounded hands reach out to all.

Whose Spirit waits to enter in.

You are the everything that we desire.

Be with us now.

**Bless us that we might be
a blessing to others. Amen.**

***HYMN # 326: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of all Mercy

**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, and restore us.**

**Grant us hearts that stand firm, a faith that is strong
and a hope that endures. 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

LEARNING TOGETHER

***HYMN # 703: In the Bulb There Is a Flower**

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

Revelation 21:1 - 7

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Reader: Meghan McKibbin

RESPONSIVE PSALM 56

Reader: Meghan McKibbon

¹ O God, have mercy on me,

for people are hounding me.

My foes attack me all day long.

² **I am constantly hounded by those who slander me,
and many are boldly attacking me.**

³ But when I am afraid,

I will put my trust in you.

⁴ **I praise God for what he has promised.**

I trust in God, so why should I be afraid?

What can mere mortals do to me?

⁵ They are always twisting what I say;

they spend their days plotting to harm me.

⁶ **They come together to spy on me—**

watching my every step, eager to kill me.

⁷ Don't let them get away with their wickedness;

in your anger, O God, bring them down.

⁸ **You keep track of all my sorrows.**

You have collected all my tears in your bottle.

You have recorded each one in your book.

⁹ My enemies will retreat when I call to you for help.

This I know: God is on my side!

¹⁰ **I praise God for what he has promised;**

yes, I praise the Lord for what he has promised.

¹¹ I trust in God, so why should I be afraid?

What can mere mortals do to me?

¹² **I will fulfill my vows to you, O God,**

and will offer a sacrifice of thanks for your help.

¹³ For you have rescued me from death;

you have kept my feet from slipping.

So now I can walk in your presence, O God,

in your life-giving light.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 5:21 - 42

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Reader: Paul Bowlby

SOLO: Grace MacDonald

SERMON: Is It Really all Part of God's Plan?

***HYMN 614: In Suffering Love**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sung Response: VU #400

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 #288: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

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

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

Saturday, August 17 – BBQ in the Park (2-4pm) Grounds of Government House

Sunday, September 15 – Joint Church Picnic Rotary Sunshine Park (Time TBA)

Dates for the Memorial Services:

Monday, August 5, at 7 PM Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 25 Beaumont Hamel Way
In the event of inclement weather, services will move to the next day, 7pm.

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

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 of August 9th.

All Request Summer Sundays: It's that time of year again!! Tell us your favourite hymns and we will sing them all summer long!! You can email your request to info@cochranstreetuc.com or write them on the flip chart as you enter the sanctuary or call the office 722-3023!

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 6th: Third Wheel — Evan Smith, Tiffany Pinhorn Smith and Tyler Massie

August 13th: Michelle Eagles and Brad Jefford

August 20th: Katherine Moffatt accompanied by Evan Smith

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

BAG TO SCHOOL: Bridges to Hope is once again reaching out to our faith-based community with a request for specific school supplies. We are hoping you can help us to help students get a good start in 2019. This year we are asking for donations of **Scientific Calculators by August 19.**

They can be delivered to Bridges to Hope from 9am-1:30pm Monday to Friday. If this is not convenient, CSUC's administrative assistant will gladly deliver them. Drop them off at the church main office Sunday or Tuesday to Thursday from 10am-3pm.

Annual BBQ in the Park: Our Annual BBQ in the park will take place on Saturday, **August 17**, from **2 - 4pm!** New Location: The Grounds of Government House! Every year we serve 100+ people from various outreach agencies hot dogs and hamburgers in Bannerman Park. We count on your support. If you can volunteer, please contact Bill Evans bill.evans3237@gmail.com. **If you can make a donation to help with the**

cost of supplies, please place an envelope in the offering plate clearly marked, BBQ in the Park. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Volunteers: If you are willing to help out with set up and clean up for our summer concert series, please contact Rev. Miriam. Email: revmiriam@occhranestreetuc.com or 728-8410.

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

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.

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 is teaming up with the Clay Cafe to offer an **"Empty Bowls for Hunger" event**. It will be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (The Kirk), 76 Queens Road, on **August 21** from **5:30–7:00pm**. Tickets \$20 include home-made soup served up in a hand painted bowl, home-made bread and a bottle of water. Drop by Clay Café in Mount Pearl, 961 Topsail Road, to paint and donate your bowl to this event.

Questions about this event? Feel free to contact Bridges to Hope Food Aid Center at 709-330-9642 or j.williams@bridgestohope.ca.

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.