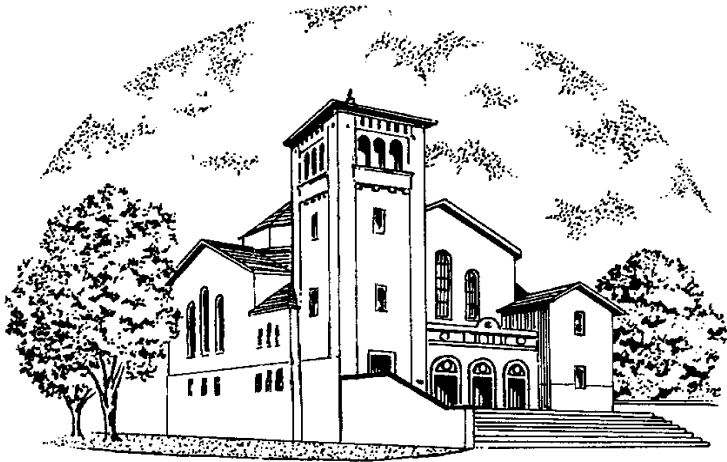


Cochrane Street United Church

81 Cochrane Street ♦ St. John's, NL ♦ A1C 3L7



February 23rd, 2020 Transfiguration Sunday

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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 FEBRUARY

Ian McMaster, Gerry Penney, Bill Squires, Blair Bradbury

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET FEBRUARY 24 – MARCH 01

Tuesday: 5:00 PM ***Pancake Supper***, Bannerman Entrance
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice, Bannerman Street Entrance
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesdays 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
Thursdays 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

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709-754-2532 or info@cochranecentre.ca

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND FUNERALS

While Rev. Miriam is on sabbatical, Rev. Bruce Kearley will be covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals.

You can reach him at (709) 739-9025

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

Worship Leader: Rev. Bruce Kearley

PRELUDE:

***INTROIT: A Light Is Gleaming #82VU (chorus)**

A light is gleaming,
spreading its arms throughout the night,
living in the light.
Come share its gladness,
God's radiant love is burning bright,
Living in the light.

***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: Jesu tawa pano #189MV
(Jesus We Are Here)

Jesu tawa pano; Jesu tawa pano;
Jesu tawa pano; tawa pano, mu zita renyu.
Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

O God, you call us out of our ordinary lives;

to see your glory.

You call us to reach beyond the known

to hear the wonder of your word.

You call us to worship together

to touch your grace.

Come let us worship

worship the God of glory, wonder and grace.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

God of power and wonder,

we are awestruck by the glory of your presence.

We rejoice at what we can see;

we marvel at what we cannot see.

You dazzle us with your brightness;
you overshadow us as with a great cloud.
Loving, protecting, challenging, nurturing,
you strengthen and transform us.
May we love and serve you, in all that we are and do.
Glory be to you. Amen.

***HYMN: We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding #104VU**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of Transfiguration,
you meet us in the ordinary
as well as the extraordinary moments of life.
We seek you in the valleys
and on the mountaintops.
Yet we admit that too often our eyes are blind to your presence,
too often our ears are deaf to your call.
When you reach out to us
through the cries of the hungry and homeless,
too often our hearts shrink from your touch.
Forgive us, we pray
and set us free to love and serve you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

We are God's children, the beloved of God's heart.
God speaks words of healing and hope to us.
Thanks be to God. Amen

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN: How Good, Lord, To Be Here #103VU**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY & PRAYER

***OFFERTORY HYMN: Asante Sana Yesu #188MV**
I thank you, thank you, Jesus, I thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart.
I thank you, thank you, Jesus, I thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Gracious God,
Accept all that we offer to you today.
Bless our gifts of time and talent, as well as our gifts of money.
May they all be used for the building up of your Kingdom.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Eternal God,

**In the reading of scripture, may your Word be heard;
In the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
In the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 24:12–18

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Reader: Linda Facey

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 99 (pg. 819VU)

Reader: Dougie Dunne

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 17:1–19

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: How Great Thou Art

SERMON: Glorious Mystery

***HYMN: Jesus On The Mountain Peak #102VU**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness #288VU**

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: I'm Gonna Shout

#183MV

I'm gonna shout, shout, shout out my love for Jesus, for Jesus!
I'm gonna shout, shout, shout out my love for God's most holy child!
For whatever I might do today,
At home, at school, at work, at play,
I've got Jesus' love deep down inside of me!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

TUE, FEB 25 (5–6:30pm) – Pancake Supper, Community Hall, Bannerman Entrance

SUN, MAR 22 – Cochrane Street United Church Annual General Mtg

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

No Scents Makes Good Sense! A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Reactions can vary from not being able to breathe to severe headaches. Thank you for helping.

FEBRUARY – MARCH 2020 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FEB 23 (11:00 am) – Transfiguration Sunday (Rev. Bruce Kearley)

MAR 1 (11:00 am) – 1st Sunday in Lent (Rev. Heather OR Rev. Scott)
Communion

MAR 8 (11:00 am) – 2nd Sunday in Lent (Tim Reynolds)

MAR 15 (11:00 am) – 3rd Sunday in Lent (Karen Critch)

MAR 22 (11:00 am) – 4th Sunday in Lent (Betty Barnes)

MAR 29 (11:00 am) – 5th Sunday in Lent (Rev. Peggy Johnson)

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER VOLUNTEERS:

We are having a pancake supper on Tuesday, February 25, and we are looking for volunteers. You can sign up for the time that works best for you. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board on the way into coffee time or you can contact the office info@cochranechurch.com.

3:30pm–5:00pm *Set Up Volunteers*

4:15pm–6:30pm *Volunteer Cooks*

5:00pm–6:30pm *Volunteer Servers*

5:30pm–7:30pm *Clean Up Volunteers*

SUNDAY SCHOOL has recommenced!
Please bring your children and grandchildren.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: Please join us for a time of fellowship and friendship at our pancake supper February 25, 5:00 - 6:30pm at Cochrane Centre. We will be serving pancakes, sausages, apple sauce, tea and coffee. Cost is \$7.00 per adult; \$5.00 per child.

CHILDREN'S TIME VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for volunteers to do Children's Time during Sunday worship service. If interested, please contact the church office at 722-3023. Thank you for sharing your talents!

REQUEST FOR USHER VOLUNTEERS: We are seeking more ushers for our January team as well as to supplement our other ushering teams. If interested, please contact the church office at info@cochranestreetuc.com or 709-722-3023. Your help is much appreciated!

COCHRANE STREET AGM: Mark your calendars! Our Annual Meeting will take place on **March 22 after church**. It is a great time to look back at what we accomplished together last year and look ahead to the future as we plan for the next few years.

Coffee Time: We are looking for people to volunteer as hosts for Coffee Time after church. If you are willing to help host, please contact the office or put your name and phone number on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Don't know what to do? No problem. We can help you out by pairing you with someone who has done it before or just giving you an orientation. Your help is very much appreciated!

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.

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

St. John's Choir Afternoon Tea: The St. John's Choir annual Afternoon Tea will take place on Sunday, March 15th, at 2:30 pm at Cowan United Church on 141 Frecker Dr. (doors open at 2:00 pm). Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained at stjohnschoir.info@gmail.com.

LOST & FOUND:

Glasses,
Soft Reading Glass Holder,
Grey Water Bottle,
Black Women's Ski Gloves
Black Women's Mittens,
1 Large Leather Glove,
1 Small Women's Brown Leather Glove,
Black Child's Plastic Hair Band
Small Black Hair Clip

Gold Laura bag filled with a black chenille Winter Hat, 2 children's Water Bottles, a tractor Dinky, and a Children's Word Game Booklet

Black Winter Hat,
Red Winter Hat,
Light Pink Winter Hat,
Women's Black Winter Hat,
Black Baseball Cap,
Blue Baby Winter Mitts,
Aqua Scrunchie
Child's Stretch Bracelet,
Gold Xmas Earring, and

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

A NEW BEGINNING! First of 9 Parts

After the disastrous fire of Jan 18, 1914, the Official Board of the church immediately invited bids from architectural firms to submit plans for another Gothic structure. The first meeting was held on January 19, 1914. The bid from Montreal architects Ross and Macdonald was \$160,000, much more than the insurance of \$40,000 and the \$80,000 that the congregation was willing to commit, especially since \$8,852 was still owed on recent work completed on the first building.

