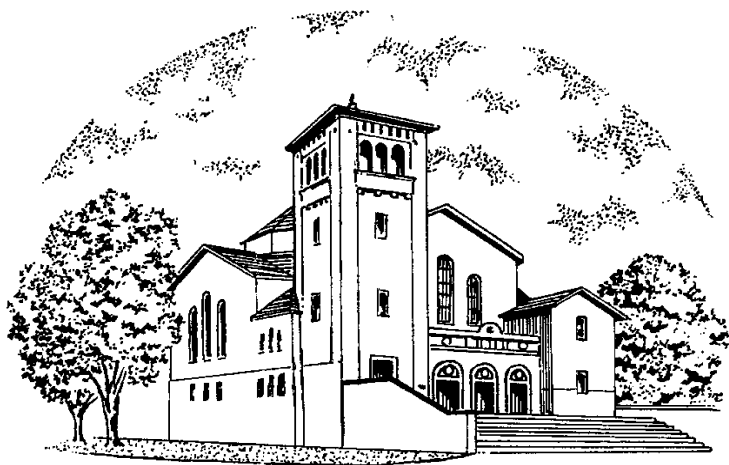


# Cochrane Street United Church

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## February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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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.  
Following worship there is a time of fellowship.

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## USHERING TEAM FOR FEBRUARY

Robert Mercer, Peter Crosbie, Brian Johnston,  
Harris Flight, Robert Evans

## THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 03

Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance  
Tuesday: 7:30 PM Council Meeting Bannerman Entrance  
Wednesday: 12:15 PM Prayer Group  
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

## OFFICE

**Office Hours:** Tuesdays 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Wednesdays 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm  
Thursdays 10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Fridays 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

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709-754-2532 or [info@cochranecentre.ca](mailto:info@cochranecentre.ca)

## 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 MV #12, vs. 2: Come Touch Our Hearts**

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,  
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;  
create a space for spirit to grow in us,  
let life and beauty fill us,  
come touch and bless our souls.

## **\*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 #85 Take, O Take Me as I Am**

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Come, faithful people, and find that quiet centre  
where God may enter in.

**We gather as God's people:**

**hungry for holy presence,  
ready for God's Word to us.**

Let us worship God.

### **\*PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**God of unending love,  
there is a transformation that takes place  
within the warmth of your embrace,  
that certain knowledge that you are  
refuge, shelter, fortress and stronghold,  
against which no army can succeed,  
that you are Brother, Sister, Mother, Father,  
the love that knows no bounds.  
That you are God,  
and we are lost outside of your embrace. Amen**

## **\*HYMN # 574: Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love**

### **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:**

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts,  
God knows us better than we know ourselves,  
and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

By God's mercy, we are forgiven;  
by God's mercy, we are made whole;  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

#### **\*HYMN MV 165: There Is a Time**

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

### **OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY & PRAYER**

#### **\*OFFERTORY HYMN MV #182:**

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.  
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

## **GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

Holy Spirit,  
Open our hearts to the story of your love.  
Open our minds to new ways of knowing you.  
Open our doors to whom all you would welcome. Amen

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Genesis 43:3 – 11, 15**

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

Reader: Karen Critch

### **RESPONSIVE PSALM 37 page 763**

Reader: Fraser Ellis

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Luke 6:27 – 38**

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

**ANTHEM: All My Trials**, arr. Albert McNeill

### **SERMON:**

**\*HYMN 691: Though Ancient Walls vs. 1, 2, 3, 5**

## **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 699: Live Into Hope**

### **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 MV #220: Hope Shines as the Solitary Star

Hope shines as the solitary star,

Faith is the inner light.

You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,  
and illumine the pathway home.

## POSTLUDE

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| <b>Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>- Pancake Supper (5:30 – 7:00pm)</b>                              |
| <b>Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>- First Sunday in Lent</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>- Messy Church (4pm – 6pm)</b>                                    |
| <b>Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>- Irish Stew Luncheon &amp; Annual<br/>Congregational Meeting</b> |
| <b>Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup></b>   | <b>- Easter Sunday</b>   |

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Sanctuary Sound System:** We have a looped system for the hearing impaired. Please ask one of the ushers for a headset.

**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.

**A Warm Welcome** to the KETO House Bakery that will be using the kitchen Sundays until 11:30am! Our Coffee Time will continue as always.

**Church Council Meeting** is **February 26, 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.** If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Stephen Jewczyk Council Chair at [sjewczyk@gmail.com](mailto:sjewczyk@gmail.com).

**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!

**Coffee Time:** If you can't volunteer to host a coffee time, maybe you can supply some donations to be kept in the freezer to help out our coffee time hosts. We are looking for donations of cookies, loaves or raisin bread.

**Yoga:** A six-week session is starting on **February 26 at 12:30pm**. If you'd like to register, please contact the office at [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com) or 722-3023. The cost would be \$5.75.

**Observer Subscribers:** Starting in May, the United Church Observer will be renamed Broadview. Better quality paper and binding, and an increase of 16 pages per issue! Only downside is the publication frequency drops to 10 issues per year as to the current 11 issues.

**PRAYER GROUP** meets weekly to pause, give thanks, breathe deeply, and pray for others. If you have a prayer request, you can put them in our offering plate or email [prayers@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:prayers@cochranestreetuc.com).

**Sunday morning readers:** Are you interested in reading scripture in church on Sunday morning? If so please let us know! If you are, call or email the office at 722-3023 or [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com).

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:** Please join us for a time of fellowship and friendship at our pancake supper **March 5, 5:30 - 7:00pm** at Cochrane Centre. We will be serving pancakes, sausages, apple sauce, tea and coffee. Cost is \$7.00 per adult; \$5.00 per child. Tickets available Sunday.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Volunteers:** We are having a pancake supper on Tuesday, March 5, 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@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com). Set up volunteers: 3:30 - 5:00pm; Cooks: 4:30 - 7:00pm; Clean up: 5:30 - 7:30pm

**Cochrane Street AGM:** Mark your calendars! Our Annual Meeting will take place on **March 24 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.

**CHURCH COUNCIL 2019:** We have vacancies on Church Council which is the governing body for the congregation. The church council meets monthly from September to June and as needed for the rest of the year. The church council does important work on behalf of the congregation, have engaging conversations, and fellowship. If you are interested in being part of the church council, please email Rev. Miriam at [revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com).

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)** is seeking assistance in raising awareness about MDS and hopefully attracting volunteers to build a network across Atlantic Canada to be the hands and feet of Jesus, better enabling MDS to respond to disasters of all kinds. Here is a link to their Facebook group for the MDS Atlantic Canada Unit: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mdsacu/>. Below are some websites to provide a better understanding of what they do: <https://mds.mennonite.net/> <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW347jonvXfE0MGPRizek6A> <https://www.facebook.com/MennoniteDisasterService/>

**ZATOUN OLIVE OIL:** One bottle left! Gower Street United Church are distributors of Zatoun Olive Oil for \$20.00 a bottle as an Outreach Project. Zatoun is Fair Trade Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Proceeds benefit farmers and children living in occupied Palestine and create awareness for peace in Palestine. If interested, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or Stephen Jewczyk after church (or 753-6265 or [sjewczyk@gmail.com](mailto:sjewczyk@gmail.com)). ***If paying by cheque, please make it out to Gower Street United Church.***

**KAIROS Canada:** The United Church of Canada is a member of KAIROS, so we are reaching out to all of you to help us promote this important justice gathering in the Atlantic. ALL are invited to join **May 2-5, 2019**, in **Streams of Justice**, a diverse, inter-generational gathering at Mount Allison University in Sackville, NB, on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. For more information and registration, please consult the webpage: [www.kairoscanada.org/atlanticgathering](http://www.kairoscanada.org/atlanticgathering). Come together to build upon the Atlantic Canada KAIROS community, and continue to develop a flourishing movement towards positive social change.

**On February 26, 12:30-1:30pm**, the **Alzheimer Society** of Newfoundland and Labrador is hosting a **Lunch & Learn webinar** – free and open to the public. The aim is to provide information about our First Link Program and inform you of the process to connect individuals with us. If you are interested in being registered for the webinar, email your name, email address to [firstlink@alzheimernl.ca](mailto:firstlink@alzheimernl.ca) or call us at [576-0608](tel:576-0608).

**Lenten Communion Gathering:** Beginning **March 06 at NOON**, Rev. Pamela will host a Communion Service with intentional periods of quiet reflection. It will continue every Wednesday during Lent in the Tait-Osmond Room. This informal service will be 20 minutes followed by a time of fellowship. Tea and coffee will be provided. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch.

**Out In Faith:** On **March 7, 7-9pm**, a panel discussion will be held at Memorial University's Arts Building Atrium, AA 1043, exploring queer spiritualities and the diverse ways that queer people find, create, and maintain community inside as well as outside faith. Included is performance by Spectrum Queer Choir. Parking available in Lot 1A.

## NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Did you know that in 1971 a proposal was made to construct stairs to the "choir room" on the third floor from the stairwell in the office area? These stairs were indeed built. Before this renovation, the only access to that room was along the corridor on the third floor. This room was formerly called the Bible Class Room.