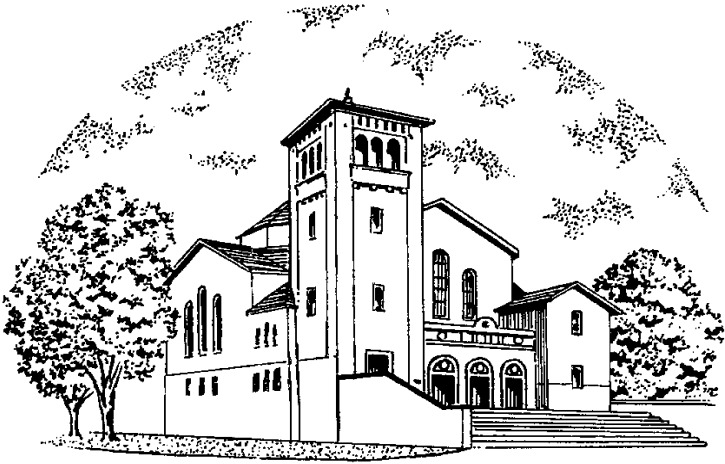


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*THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN IS DEDICATED:
In Loving Memory of Sig Lenser from Ruth*

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: MV #4 All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain.

Dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.

We sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come. **(4X)**

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 MV 14: Where two or three are gathered

Where two or three are gathered in my name;

I am there, I am there. **2X**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Bless our feet

that they might tread the path prepared.

Bless our hands

that they might show your love's embrace.

Bless our words

that they might share your grace and peace.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Ever-present God,

this day enfolds us and surrounds us:

be in our speaking and in our thinking;

be in our life and on our lips;

be in our hearts and in our souls,

today and forever. Amen.

HYNM MV #79: Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love me I love, in receiving and in giving,

Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.
2. Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.
3. May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we long to rest in you,
to trust in your goodness, in your care for us,
in your abundant life.**

But we don't know how to rest

And we have forgotten how to trust:

We seek material goods that we don't really need.

We befriend people not always out of love.

Slow us down, Holy One.

Attend to us, Holy One,

And show us that you are our salvation and our resting place.

Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ, God says to us, "Arise, shine, for your light is come."

In Christ, God says to us, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Thanks be to God for love and hope!

LEARNING TOGETHER – A Poem by Frances McNiven

There is no wilderness for me to cry out in

The temples have gone away

And I am sitting in the lonely

I don't know how to pray

Who will hear my vacant cries

My desperate pleas of pain

When I am overwhelmed by all

Who will sing again

The song of our salvation

The song of love and home

The one that reminds me

That I am not alone

There is no wilderness for me to cry out in

And I don't know how to pray

But there is a song in my heart

And I will sing it anyway

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY:

OFFERTORY HYMN VU 581 When We are Living vs. 2)

2 Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

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

Isaiah 6:1 - 8

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1 - 11

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

SOLO: My Jesus I love Thee – Ben James

SERMON:

HYMN VU 563: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lake shore

1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.
O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

3 You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. R

4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. R

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

Community of saints,
beloveds of God,
we are invited to come and gather at the table of love and liberation,
to feast on the dreams of God,
to be nourished by but a taste of what God desires to do among us.

God calls us from institutional halls of power,
From shelters and the streets;
God calls us from classrooms and pulpits,
Gay bars and prison cells.

God calls us as we are, from wherever we are,
to come and be in solidarity with Christ,
who lives and loves on the margins.

God whispers "come"
and live abundantly,

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God, your invitation to come and feast in your presence
is but a taste of the love you extend to us every day.
By your very nature, you are always seeking us out
– searching for ways to connect us and connect with us.
You meet us in the most ordinary of places and you make them
sacred.

By your grace, we come to recognize the holiness
that dwells in the world around us,
in our neighbors, in our own internal depths.

Therefore we join our voices with your people on earth
and all the company of the heavens,
singing praise to you,

Holy, Holy, Holy One
God of justice and love
Heaven and earth are full of your wonder
Hosanna, in the highest.

Blessed are you and blessed is your eternal table.
You welcome all who thirst for justice and hunger to grow in love.
You ask us to extend this same welcome to all our neighbors,
but God, since our beginning, we have struggled.

And so in your love for us, you took on flesh in Jesus.
Through his life, you pointed to your presence on the margins.
You revealed the sacredness in all life.
You showed us how to live together, even among forces of
destruction.

Believing it could transform the world,
Jesus proclaimed the Good News.
He called for the captives to be set free.
He spoke of the lowly being lifted up.
He talked of redistributing wealth and eradicating the causes of
poverty.
His commitment to practicing love knew no bounds
– not even the bounds of death.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his companions. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said: "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After the meal, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it saying: "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant." In remembrance of all you have done to save us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ was birthed among us.
Christ was killed among us.
Christ rises again among us.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, O God.
Make these ordinary elements into the Sacred gift of your presence with us once again.
May they awaken us anew to your everlasting invitation into a life of resurrection.
Enliven us in our pursuit of a world where all needs are met, power is balanced, and the worth of every creature and creation is celebrated.

In collective longing for a taste of your Kingdom on earth, we join together in echoing the prayer of Jesus:

This sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
we offer you, loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
We praise you now and forever.
Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most Holy.

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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

The bread we break

Is our sharing in the life of Christ.

The cup for which we give thanks

Is our sharing in the life of Christ.

Prayer after Communion

**God, by the bread of heaven and the cup of life,
you make us one body.**

Bind us together by your spirit

**that we might live into your hopes for us,
a community centered in Christ and rich in compassion,
commitment, courage, and care. May it be so. Amen.**

HYMN VU #509: Here I Am Lord

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? R

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? R

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 MV 214 May God's Sheltering Wings

May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,
And hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.

POSTLUDE

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of Husband and Dad,
From Ruth and Stephen*

