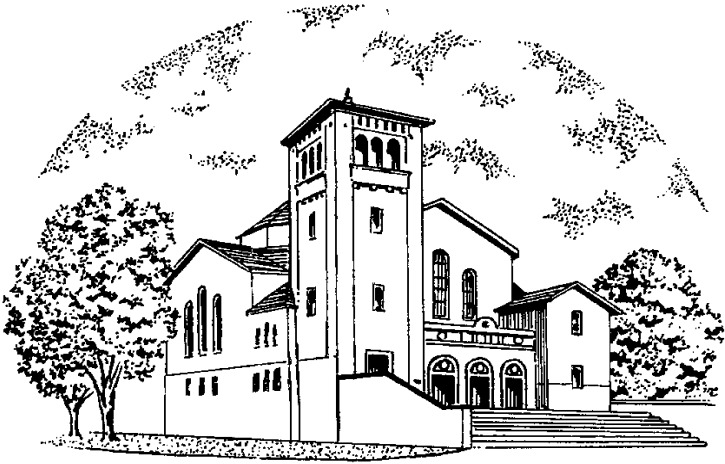


Cochrane Street United Church

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January 10th, 2021 Epiphany 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.

USHERING TEAM FOR JANUARY

Ian McMaster, Gerry Penney, Bill Squires, Blaire Bradbury

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET JANUARY 11 – JANUARY 17

Thursday: 10:00 Zoom Prayer Group
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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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: We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

**O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

A star shining brightly in the East,

discovered by those who have eyes to see

the unusual and the challenging.

A journey into unknown territory,

taken by those who have courage and curiosity.

An encounter with an evil presence,

evil faced, yet resisted with care.

The Holy One recognized, in spite of humble origin,

the glory and the gifts given, to God's Chosen Child.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Radiant God, light for all people and all places,

by the guidance of a star you led the Magi

to worship the Christ Child.

By the light of faith

lead us to worship you in peace and love,

and guide us in your way.

We pray in the name of Christ,

light of the world. Amen.

HYMN VU # 92: In the Darkness Shines the Splendor vs. 1 & 4

In the darkness shines the splendour

of the Word who took our flesh,

welcoming, in love's surrender,

death's dark shadow at his crèche.

Bearing every human story,

Word made flesh reveals his glory.

All God's people, sing in jubilation

of the birth that sets us free,

telling of the revelation:

Jesus, God's epiphany.

Celebrate the human story!

Word made flesh reveals our glory.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Light has come into the world

but we love the night.

Love has come into the world

but we continue to hate.

Grace has come into the world

but we cannot forgive.

Hope has come into the world

but we are surrounded by despair.

New life has come into the world

but we are tired.

Peace has come into the world

but conflict continues.

Joy has come into the world

but we are sad.

Judge us, O God, by your gracious love.

Forgive us, O God, and set us free. 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: Star Words

Pray for protection.

Ask for guidance.

Offer gladness

for the gifts that come,

and then

let them go.

Do not expect

to return by the same road.

Home is always by another way,

and you will know it

not by the light that waits for you

but by the star

that blazes inside you, telling you

where you are

is holy

and you are welcome

here.

—Jan Richardson

HYMN VU #96: Will You Come and See the Light vs. 1 & 4

1 Will you come and see the light from the stable door?

It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.

It will be your guiding star,

it will show you who you are;

will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

4 Will you join the hope, alight in the young girl's eyes,
of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?

When the lowest and the least

are the foremost at the feast,

will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

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 389: God Is Here vs. 4

4 God of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Gracious God,
we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today
in ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1 – 6

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSIVE PSALM 72:1 – 7, 10 - 14**

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,

may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts.

**May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.**

For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

**He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.**

From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1 - 12

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

SOLO: “The Times they are a Changing”

Bob Dylan

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 #87: I am the Light of the World

REFRAIN: 'I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun: **R**

To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above! **R**

To free the prisoner from all chains,
to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations with strength of
good will,
to see God's children everywhere! **R**

To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's
heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth! **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 VU #424: May the God of Hope Go with Us

1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

POSTLUDE

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

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of Elsie & Walter Garf and Ray Simmons
From Mrs. Lorraine Simmons*

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Did you know that this coming Thursday, January 14, 2021, is the 107th anniversary of the destruction of our first building by fire? It occurred on a wet, windy Sunday evening after the worship service.

Work began immediately on the construction of our present new church building which opened in April 1916.