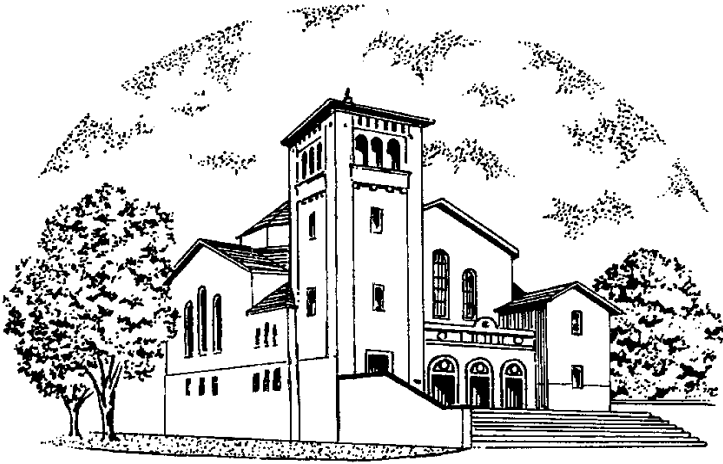


Cochrane Street United Church

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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.

USHERING TEAM FOR JANUARY

Ian McMaster, Gerry Penney, Bill Squires, Blaire Bradbury

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET JANUARY 18 – JANUARY 24

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 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:

We are a chosen people

A family people

Chosen for love and to share love

Chosen for joy and to spread joy

Chosen for friendship and for befriending

Chosen for blessing and to bless

Chosen for fruitfulness

Chosen for harvest

We are a chosen people

A family people

Your family

Our family

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Generous God, for all that sustains us;

air to breathe, 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. Amen

HYMN # 406: See the Morning Sun Ascending vs. 1 & 3

See the morning sun ascending,

radiant in the eastern sky;

hear the angel voices blending

in their praise to God on high!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Glory be to God on high!

For your loving-kindness ever

shed upon our earthly way;

or your mercy, ceasing never,

for your blessing day by day:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Creator of the universe,

we stand amazed at your power and glory.

We are eager to worship you and offer our praise,

but we are often reluctant to answer

when we hear you calling our name.

We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary,

but shy away from the river,
lest we be baptized
with the fire of the Holy Spirit.
Forgive us when we forget your promise
to be with us always, O God.
Renew us with the power of your ever-present love,
and strengthen us to proclaim your justice
throughout the world. 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: Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?". Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

First Reading:

Reflection Question: Listen with the ear of the heart. Notice if any phrase, sentence or word stands out and gently begin to repeat it to yourself, allowing it to touch you deeply.

Silence

Second Reading:

Reflection Question: What might God be saying to you in this word or phrase? What are the thoughts, feelings and reflections that arise in you?

Silence

Third Reading

Reflection Question: How might God be calling you to act through this word or phrase?

Silence

HYMN 575: I'm Gonna Live So God can Use

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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.

*RESPONSIVE PSALM 139:1 – 6, 13 – 18

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.**

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ **Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.**

**In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ **I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1 - 10

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

ANTHEM: Here I Am Lord

SERMON: Invitation

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 #560: 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.	Teach me thy patience; still with thee, in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sure and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,
Help me the slow of heart to move with some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.	in hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

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 vs. 1: May the God of Hope

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,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.
working for a world that's new,

POSTLUDE

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