

# Cochrane Street United Church

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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.

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## USHERING TEAM FOR JANUARY

Ian McMaster, Gerry Penney, Bill Squires, Blaire Bradbury

## THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET JANUARY 25 – JANUARY 31

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:**

You challenge us to follow you;  
**not by staying as we are  
but by stepping out in faith,  
casting our net into deeper water  
as with Simon Peter, a fisherman.**

You challenge us to trust you  
and be prepared for all eventualities,  
**even when the load is heavy  
and we struggle to succeed.**

But with your challenge comes blessing.

**Flimsy nets are filled,  
broken lives made whole.**

From emptiness to abundance.

**Thank you for your challenge**

**Grant us courage to follow.**

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Creator of all things,

**Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End.**

**Whose love poured out mends broken hearts.**

**Whose wounded hands reach out to all.**

**Whose Spirit waits to enter in.**

**You are the everything that we desire.**

**Be with us now.**

**Bless us that we might be  
a blessing to others. Amen.**

## **HYMN # MV 135: Called by Earth and Sky vs 1 & 2**

*REFRAIN:* Called by earth and sky,  
promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust,  
treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.

1. Precious these waters, endless seas,  
deep ocean's dream,  
waters of healing, rivers of rain,  
the wash of love again.
2. Precious this gift, the air we breathe;  
wind born and free.  
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,  
our gathering and our grace.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**God of all Mercy**

**You call us to follow and our footsteps falter,  
reach out your hand and we treat you as stranger,  
whisper our name and we simply ignore you.**

**Gracious God,**

**slow to anger, swift to bless,  
forgive us, and restore us.**

**Grant us hearts that stand firm, a faith that is strong  
and a hope that endures. 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.**

## **LEARNING TOGETHER**

### **HYMN MV # 161: I Have Called You By Your Name vs. 1, 2 & 4**

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you;  
all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen;  
you are mine.
2. I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name,  
speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus' body given long ago.
4. I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul,  
make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people  
they are mine.

## 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](mailto:csuctreasurer@gmail.com). You can sign up for PAR (Pre-Authorized 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

Jonah 3:1 – 10, 4:1 - 5

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

#### \*RESPONSIVE PSALM 62:5 – 12

For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from him.

**<sup>6</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>On God rests my deliverance and my honor;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**<sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.**

<sup>9</sup> Those of low estate are but a breath,  
those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter than a breath.

<sup>10</sup> **Put no confidence in extortion,  
and set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

<sup>11</sup> Once God has spoken;  
twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God,

<sup>12</sup> **and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.**

**For you repay to all  
according to their work.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Mark 1:14 - 20**

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

**SOLO: “I Can’t Help Wonder Where I’m Bound” Tom Paxton**

**SERMON: Showing Up**

*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 #563: Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore vs. 1, 3 & 4**

1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.

*REFRAIN:* 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**

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4 You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me. **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 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,  
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 Memory of David Boone  
From the Men's Club*

**COCHRANE CENTRE AGM:** The Cochrane Centre Annual General Meeting, originally scheduled for January 27, has been postponed. It will now be held mid to late February. More details will follow shortly.