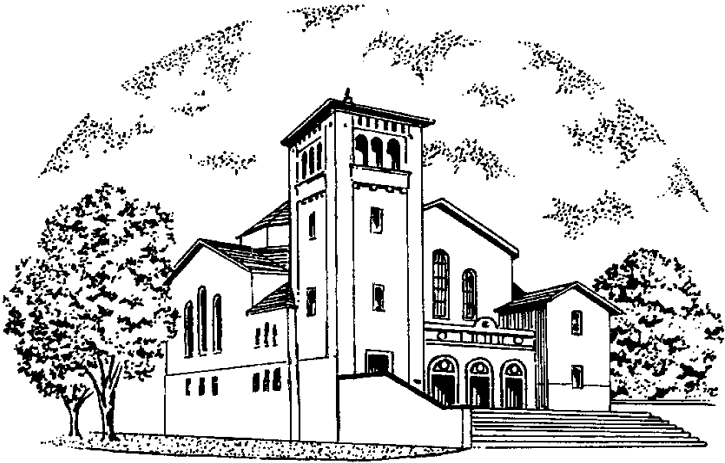


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June 19th, 2022

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

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.

Acknowledging Our Kinship:

Creator, we come together today as diverse, united peoples to give thanks to you, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

**We come to listen, to learn, to sing and pray,
to consider our place in the order of things**

you have created and are creating.

It is right and good to give thanks for the land on which we stand, for this is wisdom we learn from Indigenous peoples of this land—that we are one with the earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.

Such wisdom, our interdependence with all life, is something too easy to forget in our busy lives! It is a gift and a challenge to us to remember.

And so we take time to acknowledge the lands on which we now live.

Many of us have come from other places, arriving from distant shores, our families arriving years ago or some of us more recently. When settlers came, they were met by others who were already here, already knew these lands, already lived rich and full lives based on ancient and proud cultures.

Let us take time to name the peoples of this land now:

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.

O God, as we acknowledge the peoples who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial, and their continued claims to the land, help us to become neighbours that we might live together in better ways.

For we are all kin in Christ, "All My Relations," with each other and this earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.

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 #18: Lord Prepare Me

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,

pure and holy tried and true;

with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

All-encompassing God,

you who called creation out of chaos.

You breathed the sacred word Ruah (breath, Spirit)

and life came into being.

Your magnificence is a Holy Mystery

that we are too human to be able to comprehend.

We give thanks for that which is beyond our comprehension.

It allows us to dream and imagine.

We give all praise and glory to you, Most Holy,

for holding us in all the seasons of our days,

to love, and to cherish, in this life, and in everlasting life.

We are in awe of our covenanted love and journey with you. Amen

HYMN MV #135: Called by Earth and Sky vs. 1, 2 & 3

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.

After last verse, repeat twice more;
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.
3. Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**We confess, O God,
That we often find ourselves distracted
by a legion of destructive voices that make false
promises.
We believe safety and security
can reside in ample bank accounts.
We think that success leads to real happiness.
We hold fast to pain and anger
as if they were treasure in a chest.
We soothe our fear of failure with substances that do
harm.
We feed our hunger for love and approval
with food that does not satisfy.
Break hold of the chains that bind us, O God.
Set us free from the tombs in which we dwell.
We ask, in your mercy. 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

**We are, all of us, Treaty People:
original inhabitants
and those who came later—
inheritors of a diverse history,
dwellers in a common land,
travellers toward a better day.
We have known
friendship and animosity,
cooperation and oppression,
blessing and pain.
And now we embrace
the sacred covenant
that heralds a new beginning:
that softens the heart
and dismantles the prisons of
the present and the past.
We joyfully claim
our rights and responsibilities
as Treaty People. Amen.**

*Treaty People’s Creed (2011), The All My Relations Network of Saskatchewan
Conference*

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 MV 182: Grateful

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

We have heard the words of scripture so often that we assume we know what they mean.

We fail to notice the cultural lenses through which we view the stories, the assumptions we make based on what we have been taught.

Today, may we receive these words afresh, Loving God. May we notice what we have not noticed before, by the power of your Spirit working through these words. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:27 - 28

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

*RESPONSIVE PSALM 105:1 – 5 PARAPHRASED

Praise our Creator!

O Meegwetch give thanks to the Maker,
for Turtle Island nurtures us;

love lives forever in ancestors dancing in the aurora borealis.

**Who can truth talk the mighty doings of the Creator
or drum all their praises?**

Joyful are those who observe justice,
who work for right relations at all times.

**Remember me, O Great Spirit,
when you show honour to your people.**

Help us when you lead us into places of protection.

We see the grateful hunting of creatures,
generous gathering and abundant harvest and prosperity our kin,
that we may dance in the ceremonies of our nation's people,
that we may glory in your ancestry.

All my relations.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:21 - 24

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

ANTHEM

SERMON:

HYMN VU 602: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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| 1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above. | 3 We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear. |
| 2 Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares. | 4 This glorious hope revives
our courage on the way;
that we shall live in perfect love
in God's eternal day. |

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 580: Faith of our Fathers

- 1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
whene'er we hear that glorious word:
faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.
- 2 Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real:
faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.
- 3 Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark,
the cross of Christ still burning bright:
faith for today, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

4 Faith born of God, O call us yet;
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.

Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.

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 BLESSING

SUNG BLESSING VU 884: You Shall Go Out With Joy

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- June 19: Father's Day
- June 26: Rev. Miriam's last service – celebration of ministry together & ending the pastoral relationship
- July 3: No CSUC Service
Gower Street UC has invited us to in-person service
- July 24: No CSUC Service – Tely Ten Sunday
St. James UC has invited us to in-person service

2022 MEMORIAL SERVICES

The dates for this year's Memorial Services are as follows:

Monday, July 4 7:00PM Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (Hamilton Avenue Extension)
Monday, July 18 7:00PM General Protestant Cemetery (Topsail Road)
Monday, August 1 7:00PM Memorial Gardens Cemetery (Beaumont Hamel Way)

*PLEASE NOTE: In the event of inclement weather,
the services will move ahead to 7:00PM the next evening.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you wish to have an announcement included in the bulletin, please have it into the office by Wednesday at noon.

OUR SUMMER MAILOUT: is ready for pick up, located at the back of the pews. Please help us save on delivery costs by bringing envelopes to those who live in your neighbourhood. Your help is very much appreciated!

STUFF THE MOBILE SHELVING FOR BRIDGES TO HOPE! We are going to fill our shelving with the following items: Canned Beans, Canned Milk, Canned Meats, Mac n Cheese, 1 litre Juice, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Crackers, Cereal. Any other non-perishable food item would be much appreciated. Thank you so much for your support.

COMMUNITY HALL AND EXTERIOR WALLS RENOVATIONS: Commencing July 1, 2022, renovations to the interior space and exterior windows of the community space and apartments by First Light will take place and continue over the summer months into the fall. Renovations to the community space will include new offices, hallways, and the community meeting space itself. Access to the community space will be prohibited during the interior renovations phase of the work. Your patience and cooperation during this period is appreciated.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS – SATURDAY, JUNE 25, AT 10AM: The Church Council is seeking volunteers to assist with the removal and storage of all Men' Service Club/UCW items in the community hall and kitchen on Saturday June 25, 2022, at 10:00 am in preparation for the community space renovations. As part of this process, all items will be reviewed to determine their usability and need for future events. Please contact the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com if you can volunteer. Many hands make light work!

CELEBRATORY LUNCHEON FOR REV. MIRIAM: Immediately **after** the **June 26 worship service**, there will be a celebratory luncheon for Rev. Miriam Bowlby since this will be her last worship service as Minister of Cochrane Street United Church. Rev. Miriam will have a change in her pastoral relationship with Cochrane Street as of June 30, 2022, as she takes a new position at Kindred Works beginning on July 1, 2022. Kindred Works has been established by the United Church of Canada to provide

a way to repurpose church properties to respond to Canada's housing crisis and community needs.

All are invited to join in the celebration and to wish Rev. Miriam well on her new venture. There will be a light lunch served at no cost to those who attend. However, a donation plate will be available at the luncheon for those who wish to contribute to the cost of the lunch.

If you intend to join us for lunch and the celebration, you will be required to register to allow Council to plan the lunch. **Please register by Monday, June 20, 2022**, at <https://rsvp.church/r/GURig3PI> or contact the church office at 722-3023.

Historic Roll Project: Cochrane Street United Church has two lists that we need to maintain. One is congregational list with all our current active members. The other list is our Historic Roll which we are required to maintain as a congregation of The United Church of Canada. The last time our historic roll was updated was 1979. We are working on getting an accurate list of members of Cochrane Street United Church. In the next number of weeks letters will be going out to collect that information. If you are on the congregational list, you will not get a letter and your membership will continue as always. Rev. Miriam may reach out to some of you to see if your children or grandchildren would like to continue being listed as members of Cochrane Street United Church. We ask for your help and cooperation as we do this important work. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Miriam at revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com

Cochrane Centre Project: As members of Cochrane Street United Church, you played a central role in the establishment of Cochrane Centre. It is important that there is a record of this significant moment in our history as congregation. Rev. Miriam has prepared an overview of how the project was developed, but she wants to collect a record of your memories of the period of time from 2014 - 2017 when the project was underway. Here are some questions to guide you. What do you remember about the early stages of planning for Cochrane Centre? What events/moments stand out? And anything else you would like to share. Please **email your memories** to revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com **by June 17.**

SUMMER SERVICES: The worship committee is looking for volunteers to help lead our services over the summer months. There are lots of ways you can help with this — maybe you could share a reflection/sermon, or lead a learning time, or lead the service with someone else sharing a reflection/ sermon. If you are able to help out in any way please contact the chair of the worship committee Paula Reynolds. pt2reynolds@gmail.com.

Mission Articulation Plan (MAP) Team: Members of the team (Blair Bradbury, Heather McMaster, David Peters, Charlie Pope, and Tim Reynolds) have begun their meetings. The group would be happy to receive input from the congregation on the future priorities and direction of the church. Please feel free to contact any member of the team if you have additional information by speaking to them on Sundays or contacting the church office (722-3023).

SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER VOLUNTEER: Council is seeking a volunteer to be actively engaged in Cochrane Street United Church's social media platforms (Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Instagram). These platforms have been developed for several years and are currently managed by Rev. Miriam Bowlby. The successful volunteer will support and update the various platforms on a weekly basis commencing in July 2022. If you are a social media whizz or someone in your household is interested in managing our social media platforms, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com. Rev. Miriam will provide an orientation lesson on the social media platforms and what is required to keep them up to date.

COCHRANE CENTRE REPRESENTATIVES: Cochrane Centre is seeking representatives from Cochrane Street United Church to sit on their Board. Cochrane Centre was the creation of CSUC and we have 4 representatives on the Board. Currently, there are two vacant CSUC positions on the Board. If you are interested in nurturing and furthering our vision as a centre for the community, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

SHOPPERS RUN FOR WOMEN: Once again, I'm putting together a United Church team to take part in the Run for Women on Sunday, **June 26**, to raise awareness and money for women's mental health programming at Stella's Circle. You can walk/run this event virtually or in St. John's. **Our Team name is Stella's Tea Cups**, in honour of Dr. Stella Burry who could accomplish just about anything fortified by a good cup of tea. Here is the link to join the team:
http://run.convio.net/site/TR/Events/General?px=1057786&pg=personal&fr_id=1290

If you have any questions or need help, please contact Miriam Bowlby at 728-8410 or revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com. To learn more, or if you'd like to set up your own team, you can visit <https://www.runforwomen.ca/Cities/StJohns.aspx>.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER: Indigenous Day of Prayer, the Sunday before National Indigenous Peoples Day (**June 21**), is an opportunity to celebrate First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples' values, customs, languages, and culture.

FDEE Regional Council Summer Hours: For information for the office summer hour schedule please visit:

<https://ucceast.ca/70351-2022-office-summer-hours>

Expression of Interest for FDEE Regional Divisions/Teams:

If you are interested in serving the region on a division or team, please visit: <https://ucceast.ca/68292-expression-of-interest-for-first-dawn-eastern-edge-region-divisions-teams>

FDEE Regional Council Stewardship Committee: The First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Stewardship Committee is creating a network of Mission and Service Enthusiasts to help congregations recognize the importance of God's and our United Church mission. It is the goal of the committee to have a representative for all communities of faith in the network to share information and ideas and get input from people in different parts of the FDEE Regional Council. If you don't already have a representative, please contact us, and help us connect with the right person in your community of faith. Please reach out to any of the following committee members for more information: Rev. Brian Hannon at bchannon60@gmail.com; William Matchem (DLM Retired) at b.matchem62@hotmail.com; Morley Knight at knightmorley@hotmail.com.

HELP BRIDGES TO HOPE WIN \$20,000! The Great Canadian Giving Challenge is a national contest to benefit any registered Canadian charity. Every \$1 donated in June is an automatic entry for your charity of choice to win (a minimum \$3 donation is required). The grand prize draw is on July 1, and one lucky charity will receive \$20,000! The last year has been the most challenging in the 33 years that we have been providing food assistance in our community. Without the ability to hold fundraising events and a 90% decrease in food donations, your online support is more needed and appreciated than ever. Your kindness is much needed and appreciated at this time. To donate, please visit: <https://www.bridgestohope.ca/fundraising>

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of our Fathers
Clyde Budden and Basil Briggs,
from Cheryl and Byron Briggs and Family*

*In Loving Memory of Father, Walter Tucker,
from daughters Linda Facey and Marilyn Pardy
and their families.*