

# Cochrane Street United Church

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**March 8, 2020**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**

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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.  
Following worship there is a time of fellowship.

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## USHERING TEAM FOR MARCH

Roger Crosbie, Jim Austin, Jeff Critch,  
Jim Oakley, John Perlin, Lloyd Brown

## THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET MARCH 9 – MARCH 15

Tuesday: 12:30 PM Yoga in Sanctuary, Bannerman Street Entrance  
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice, Bannerman Street Entrance  
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

## OFFICE

**Office Hours:** Tuesdays 9:30 am – 3:00 pm  
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## **GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\* Please Stand as you are able

Worship Leader: Rev. Eric Hillier

### **PRELUDE:**

#### **\*INTROIT: Jesus Christ Is Waiting #117VU (verse 2)**

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets;  
Where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry, too.  
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

#### **\*WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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: God In The Darkness #17MV (verse 1)**

God in the darkness, God beyond our knowing,  
patient creator, seed in secret growing,  
rock of the living, water ever flowing,  
come and renew us

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Lord, you are our God.**

We will praise you with joyful lips.

**Lord, you are our God.**

Our souls thirst for you.

**Lord, you are our God.**

We behold your power and majesty.

**Lord, you are our God.**

We will bless you all of the days of our lives.

#### **\*PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Most Holy God,**

**we rejoice in our awareness of your presence.**

**As you enter our lives,**

**refresh and renew us;**

**grant that we may live with love**

**in the example of Jesus the Christ**

**and in the power of the Holy Spirit,**

**through whom we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN:**

**We Praise You, O God**

**#218VU**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Loving God,  
when we wander to distant places,  
you watch the road to greet us  
when we finally come home.  
Whenever we are far from you,  
remind us that we are your beloved children,  
the longing of your heart,  
and give us the strength and courage  
to return to your open arms.  
When we have sinned against heaven and before you,  
forgive us, for we are coming home! Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

God is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
God has compassion for our fears and failures;  
God stays with us on our Lenten journey.  
We are a forgiven people.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**\*HYMN:**

**Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands**

**#570VU**

**OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY:**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN:**

**For The Gift Of Creation**

**#538VU**

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
And the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands,  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

Gracious God,  
Accept all that we offer to you today.  
Bless our gifts of time and talent,  
as well as our gifts of money.  
May they all be used for the building up of your Kingdom.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## **GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

Eternal God,

In the reading of scripture, may your Word be heard;

In the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;

In the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE READING: GENESIS 12:1–4a**

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Reader: Elizabeth Purchase

### **RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 121 (pg. 844VU)**

Reader: Paula Reynolds

### **GOSPEL READING: John 3:1–17**

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

### **ANTHEM:**

### **SERMON: Wrestling With Our Faith**

\*HYMN:

Jesus Calls Us

#562VU

## **GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

\*HYMN:

Love Divine, Love Excelling

#333VU

### **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:

### CHORAL BENEDICTION: I Am Walking A Path Of Peace #221MV

I am walking a path of peace, I am walking a path of peace,  
I am walking a path of peace, lead me home, lead me home.

## POSTLUDE:



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Jim and Rose Evans. Jim's brother, Bob Evans, passed away March 1. The funeral took place March 6 at Cochrane Street United Church and was officiated by Rev. Bill Bartlett.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**TUE, MAR 17 (6:00pm)** – Men's Service Club Meeting, Bannerman Entrance

**SUN, MAR 22** – CONGREGATIONAL POT LUCK LUNCH  
(After Worship Service)

**SUN, MAR 22 (12:30pm)** – Cochrane Street United Church Annual General Mtg

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

**NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE!** A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Thank you for helping create a safe environment in which we can all fully participate.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL has recommenced!**  
**Please bring your children and grandchildren.**

**ENVELOPES:** Do you need envelopes? If so, please contact Harold Grandy. Email: [hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca).

## **MARCH – APRIL 2020 WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

- MAR 8 (11:00 am)** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Rev. Eric Hillier)  
**MAR 15 (11:00 am)** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Karen Critch)  
**MAR 22 (11:00 am)** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent ( TBA )  
**MAR 29 (11:00 am)** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (Rev. Peggy Johnson)  
**APR 5 (11:00 am)** – Palm Sunday ( Rev. Scott Parsons, leader )  
(Paul Grimes, message)  
**APR 12 (11:00 am)** – Easter Sunday (Rev. Heather Sandford)  
**APR 19 (11:00 am)** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter (David Peters)  
**APR 26 (11:00 am)** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter ( Katie Vardy )

**CHILDREN’S TIME VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for volunteers to do a short story for Children’s Time during Sunday worship service, just before the offering. If interested, please call the church office at 722-3023. Thank you for sharing your talents!

**REQUEST FOR USHER VOLUNTEERS:** We are seeking more ushers for our January team as well as to supplement our other ushering teams. If interested, please contact the church office at [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com) or 709-722-3023. Your help is much appreciated!

**YOGA Flow Registration open once again!** It’s for 6 weeks on **Tuesdays, 12:30pm**, at Cochrane Centre, 42 Bannerman Street, in the sanctuary. Sessions begin MAR 3. Cost is \$39.50 (includes HST & \$5 CC Facility Fee). To register, please click here: <https://sites.google.com/site/karmafitnessyoga/yoga-flow-registration-cochrane-st-church>

**CSUC MEN’S SERVICE CLUB:** The next meeting will be held at Cochrane Centre on **Tuesday, March 17, 6:00pm**. All men are welcome to attend and enjoy an evening of good food, great fellowship, and fun. For further information and to confirm your attendance, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com).

**COCHRANE STREET AGM:** Our Annual Meeting will take place on **March 22 after church**. It is a great time to look back at what we accomplished together last year and look ahead to the future as we plan for the next few years.

**Recyclables:** Drop off your recyclables at any Green Depot and use the Cochrane Street Code (our phone number) 7223023. Your empty containers will support the ministries of our congregation! Can’t get your recyclables to the depot? **Call the church office and we will arrange to pick them up.** Thank you in advance for your help.

**Stuff the New Shelves for Bridges to Hope! Let’s** fill our shelving, generously donated to our church, full of the most helpful non-perishable food items: tinned milk, canned beans, canned meat, juice boxes or one liter of juice, cereal, Kraft Dinner, pasta, and pasta sauce. Bring your items to church on Sunday. Thank you for your support.

**LET’S HARMONIZE!** A new, one-of-a-kind singing program that gives you the knowledge, tricks and confidence to sing in harmony is held Wednesday’s, March 11 – April 22, from 7:30-9:30pm, at Atlantic Place, St. John’s.

**St. John's Choir Afternoon Tea:** The St. John's Choir annual Afternoon Tea will take place on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 pm at Cowan United Church on 141 Frecker Dr. (doors open at 2:00 pm). Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained at [stjohnschoir.info@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnschoir.info@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, March 10:** Noon: The MUN School of music wishes to invite you to attend A Splash of Brass with Sistema on, Suncor Energy Hall. Sistema New Brunswick teaching artists join MUN School of Music faculty and students to present varied chamber repertoire from trios to full brass ensemble with percussion. Featuring Conor Conway and Alan Klaus (trumpet), Jonathan Astley and Emily Dunsmore (french horn), Kim Conway (trombone), Karen Bulmer (tuba), Rob Power (percussion), plus many more! **Free!**

**Friday, March 13, 7:30 pm:** The MUN School of Music wishes to invite you to attend Portraits of Ravel with Vernon Regehr and Duo Concertante on , DF Cook Recital Hall Duo Concertante - Nancy Dahn (violin) and Tim Steeves (piano) team up with cellist Vernon Regehr in a celebration of chamber works by French composer Maurice Ravel (1875-1937). The program consists of Ravel's sonata for violin, the piano trio and his enigmatic duo for violin and cello. Tickets \$22/\$16.

**Sunday, March 15 at 1:30pm:** in DF Cook Recital Hall, the MUN School of Music wishes to invite you to attend Big Boom Bam with the Scruncheons. The Scruncheons Percussion Ensemble dig out some of the gold nuggets of the percussion canon with works by composers including Alexander Lepak, Christopher Rouse and Minoru Miki. You literally never know what you will hear when you attend a Scruncheons concert! Tickets \$18/\$14.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE – COUGAR FLIGHT 491:** Please join us at Elim Pentecostal Tabernacle (Kenmount Rd, St. John's) on Thursday, **March 12, at 7PM** for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual memorial service. Reception to follow in the adjacent Parish Centre. For further information, contact Chaplain Christopher Fowler, Executive Officer, (709-699-2481, [reverendchristopher@icloud.com](mailto:reverendchristopher@icloud.com)) OR Chaplain Susan Hall, Chaplain to the Cougar Flight 491 Families, (709-687-4044, [susan@nl.rogers.com](mailto:susan@nl.rogers.com)).

## NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

### **A NEW BEGINNING!** Third of 9 Parts

Work to erect a new church began on May 15, 1915. The Building Committee included members of the Trustee Board, as well as John C. Crosbie, J. Charles Marshall, Samuel Milley, Moses Drover, William J. Herder, Albert E. Hickman, James W. McNeily, Joseph Sellars, Philip Templeman, Albert E. Chown, George F. Grimes, and George W. Soper.