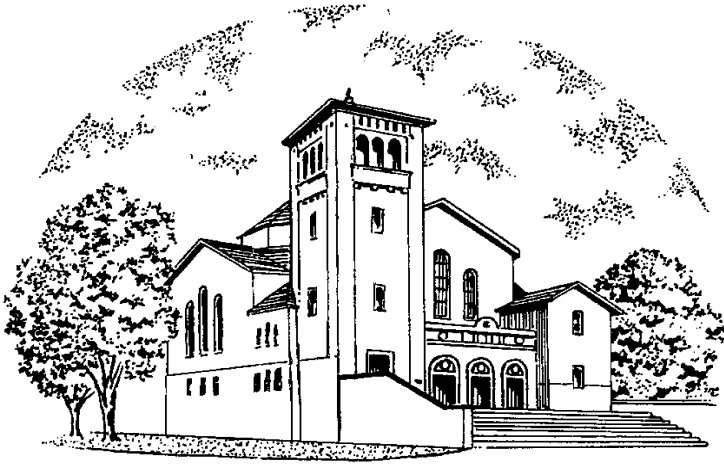


Cochrane Street United Church

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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.

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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 # 71: When the Wind of Winter Blows (vs. 1)

1. When the wind of winter blows,
bringing times of solitude,
fill the silent icy night;
be our hearts' compassion.

REFRAIN: Holy Light, warm our night;
warm the time of winter.
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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 #7: Gather Us In

Gather us in, ground us in you. **(2X)**

Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

If God is a hen,

we are under God's wing.

If God is a table,

we each have a seat.

If God is a house,

we are safe from the storm.

If God is a party,

we're invited to dance.

If God is a melody,

our names are the lyrics.

If this is God's house,

then all are welcomed. All are loved. All belong.

Let us worship Holy God.

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 VU 348: O Love, How Deep (vs. 1, 3, 7)

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high!

It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, in Jesus Christ, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

3 For us he was baptized, and bore

a holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharply knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

7 To God whose boundless love has won

salvation for us through the Son,
to God all praise and glory be
both now and through eternity.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus, Jesus said,
“I will keep on.”

I will keep on healing.

I will keep on teaching.

I will keep on preaching.

I will keep on flipping the tables of injustice.

I will keep on treating every person like a child of God.

I will keep on believing that this world can change.

I will keep on

and keep on

and keep on until God’s promised day.

Forgive us, God, for the times when we stop. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Family of faith, because Jesus’ love just keeps going, we can trust that that love and grace exists for us.

So rest in this good news:

**No matter what we do wrong or what we leave undone,
we are under God’s wing.**

We are loved, held, and forgiven.

Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

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 #120: O Jesus I Have Promised (vs. 1)

1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy God,

this life of ours is full to the brim.

We wake up feeling behind,

we go to sleep worrying about tomorrow,

and we know—there *has* to be more than this.

So we pray:

bend down and show us the way.

Leave breadcrumbs in the street.

Point us toward awe and wonder.

Guide us to intimacy and trust.

Gift us with laughter that will make us cry

and hope that will make us feel alive.

We want a new kind of full to the brim. Show us the way.

We are listening for your cues.

Gratefully we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSIVE PSALM 27 Paraphrase by Sara Are

The Lord is my light.

The Lord surrounds me

like a warm, familiar quilt,

in layers of grace.

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the sturdy foundation

and the roof over my head.

I am not afraid.

When the world is at its worst—

when grief clings to my bones,

when fear eats at my confidence,

when loneliness moves into my house—

God sets the table,

turns on the lights,

and invites me to dance.

So even though there are days

that feel like too much to bear,

I know—I am not alone.

So I ask the Lord,

I seek and I pray—

let me live in your house all of my days.

ANTHEM:**SERMON:****HYMN VU 663: My Faith Looks Up to Thee (vs. 1–3)**

- 1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away.
O let me from this day be wholly thine.
- 2 While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide,
bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
- 3 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

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 VU 117: Jesus Christ is Waiting (vs. 1, 3 & 5)

- 1 Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

- 3 Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.
- 5 Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

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 MV #212: Sent Out in Jesus Name

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.

POSTLUDE

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- March 13: St. James UC Affirming Celebration (3pm)
March 14: National Affirming PIE Day
Gower Street UC (11am)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you wish to add an announcement, 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.

UKRAINE RELIEF M & S Fund Donation: The United Church has partners in Ukraine and has established a fund through the Mission and Service fund to support humanitarian relief in that conflict area. During Lent, Cochrane Street United Church is supporting this national initiative of the church, as we have done on other occasions in the past. Donations marked "Ukrainian Relief" during this period will go towards this effort. We encourage you to support this special M & S campaign during the Sundays of Lent.

HUMANITARIAN DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE: The UCC released a statement on Ukraine and has partnerships so that you can donate to relief in Ukraine through the Mission and Service Fund. Here are those links:

Statement: <https://united-church.ca/news/statement-peace-ukraine>

Donate: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/conflict-ukraine>

SUNFLOWERS IN UKRAINE: The United Church of Canada have a moving prayer for the Ukraine situation entitled *Sunflowers in Ukraine: Praying for a Miracle* at <https://united-church.ca/prayers/sunflowers-ukraine-praying-miracle>

St James United Church Affirming Celebration: On Sunday, **March 13**, at 3 pm, St. James United Church will have their Affirming celebration making them the third Affirming congregation in Newfoundland & Labrador. The guest preacher for the celebration will be Rev. Dr. Bob K. Fillier. You can watch the celebration live stream on the St. James Youtube channel.

Nominations: The United Church has launched a call for nominations (<https://united-church.ca/opportunities>) for the next Executive, the Board of Vocation and a wide range of committees. These groups will carry out the work of the General Council after the 44th General Council in August. Lay people and ministry personnel are needed with a variety of skills who hold a commitment to supporting the work of the United Church. This is a great way to connect with other members, deepen your faith, and concretely support the call and vision of this United Church of ours.

The Generosity Matters 2022 Playlist Link is now live on YouTube. These are eight stories of the amazing work our Mission & Service supports. We will feature these, and other stories, throughout the year in our efforts to engage, inspire, and give concrete examples of how our gifts make a difference. For more information visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjJACPvWWEs&list=PLQDu-SgFb3Ri6qP8WEABHeID1bCj4vqxB>

Everyone Gets a Slice - National Affirming PIE Day! Join Gower Street United Church to celebrate National Affirming PIE Day **on March 14**. We will be sharing a pie with community organizations. Our goal is to deliver 30 pies to local community groups that the Affirm Advisory Committee of Gower has identified as welcoming and inclusive. You can purchase a slice of pie for \$3.00 or an entire pie (6 slices) for \$15.00. We have 180 slices of pie to sell to fulfill our goal of 30 pies. To donate, you can send an e-transfer to gsuc@nl.rogers.com, use the donate on our website (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/42337>), or drop/mail a cash or cheque donation to 99 Queen's Road's, A1C 6M6 – note on the donation that is it for PIE Day. Let's make sure everyone gets a slice! We will also welcome **guest speaker Lorraine Michael to worship on March 13**, as we celebrate National Affirming PIE Day in worship **in person and online at 11:00am**.

EASTER SEALS NL – St. Patrick's Day Social: We are excited to announce our St. Patrick's Day Social, taking place on Friday, **March 18, 7–10pm**. Join us for an evening of dancing, games, and fun! \$5 per person. During this event we will be following ESNL General Safe Practice Measures (<https://eastersealsnl.ca/covid-19/>). For more information or to register, call 754-1399 or click here: <https://eastersealsnl.ca/the-latest/news/st-patricks-day-social/>

EASTER SEALS NL – 2022 Paper Egg Campaign: Easter Seals NL is excited to announce the launch of our 2022 Paper Egg Campaign! Between March 21st and April 17, 2022, show your support for people with disabilities in the province by purchasing a Paper Egg at participating businesses. All of the funds collected will directly support our programs and services. To learn about the participating locations, where you can purchase an egg, or how to become a partner, go to this website: <https://eastersealsnl.ca/events/paper-egg-campaign/>

Long Term Adaptive Equipment Loans: Linda's Equipment Crossing offers free long-term loans of equipment for people living with disabilities. If you are interested in a loan or have unused equipment to donate to the program, please contact our Interim Recreation Programs Manager, Dayna Penney at dayna@eastersealsnl.ca. For more information: <https://eastersealsnl.ca/what-we-do/programs/lindas-equipment-crossing-program/>

Cabot Square Dominion offers concierge service: Cabot Square Dominion (Stavanger Drive location) is piloting a new concierge service for customers with disabilities who may require additional support during their grocery shop. With the new booking tool, anyone looking for a little or a lot of help can reserve a time slot with our concierge staff. A dedicated team member will meet you at customer service and assist you with your shopping needs. To book a slot, please go here: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/CabotSquareDominion@mtcad.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

FROM OUR PARTNERS AT GUIDE TO THE GOOD

Grow Local Go Digital – Local Companies Start Here! Local companies reach more customers and grow their market - in NL and everywhere - with Digital Marketing. Here's where you get started! Digital Marketing helps your business show up. Local companies can use AFFORDABLE DIGITAL to promote their goods and services. Guide to the Good wants local companies to thrive, so we show you where to start.

"Let's Get Digital" gives local companies tips and tools to make DIGITAL Do-ABLE for their business, right now. Join our user-friendly workshop **Thursday, March 24, from 7pm to 8:30pm**. To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/lets-get-digital-local-companies-start-here-tickets-288024668537>

Let's Get Digital is led by Kim Todd, founder and Digital Guide, Guide to the Good, graduate of Memorial's Digital and Social Media Program, Accredited Business Communicator (IABC), Accredited Communications Training Facilitator with McLuhan Davies Communications, and Dip. Applied Ethics, Phil, MUN.

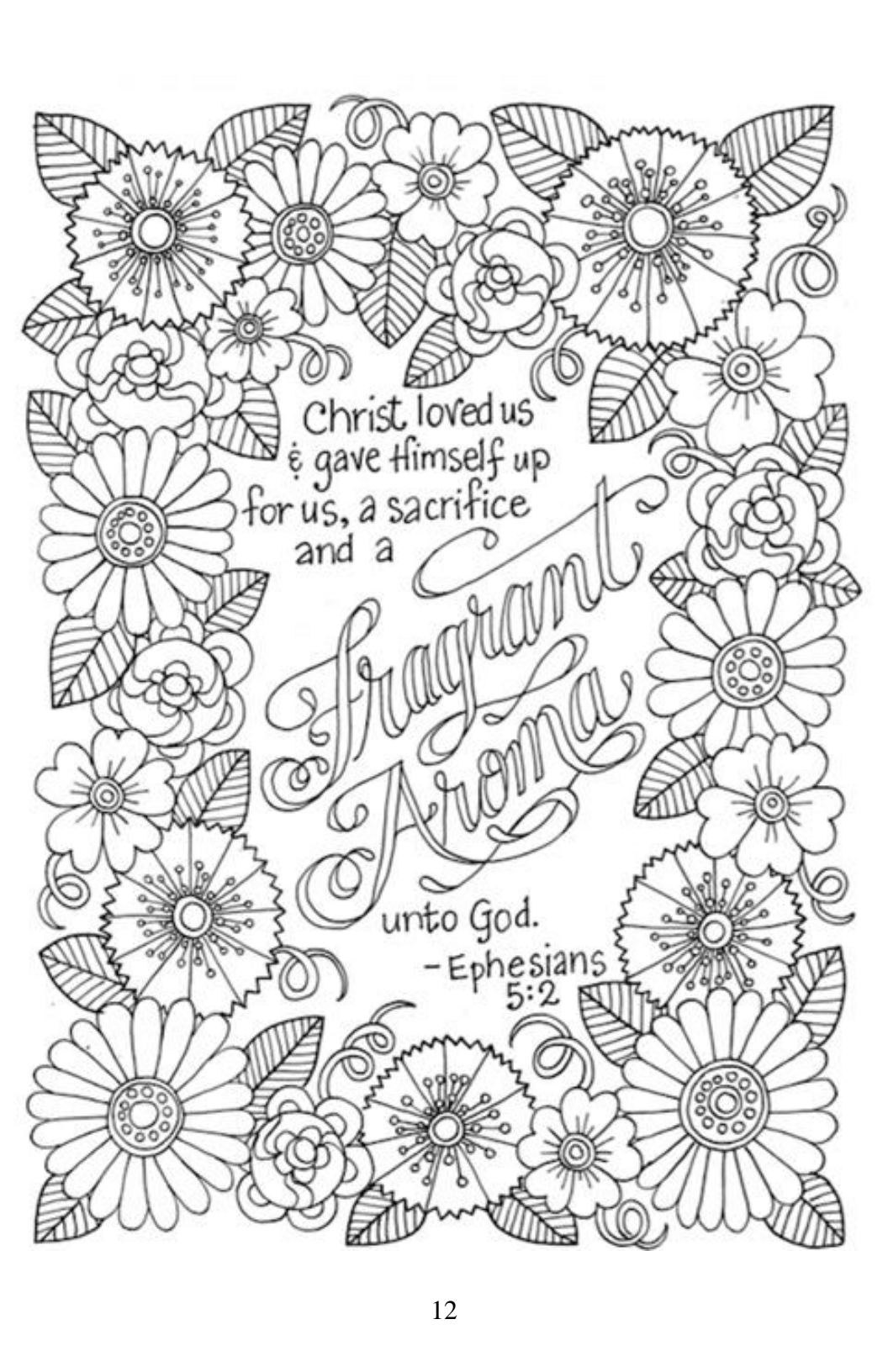
MEMORIALS

*In Memory of Sig Lenser,
From Trang Garments*

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

From the *Methodist Monthly Greeting* Aug 1888:

St John's East Circuit – "If you want to enjoy an out-and-out evangelistic service when in the city, go to Fleming Street School Room on Sunday afternoons or Thursday nights. They had successful Missionary Meetings in connection with Gower Street and Cochrane Street Sunday Schools during last month."

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Christ loved us
& gave himself up
for us, a sacrifice
and a

*Fragrant
Aroma*

unto God.

- Ephesians
5:2