

# Cochrane Street United Church

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## March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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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

Jalna McMaster, Sig Lenser, Fraser Ellis,  
Jo-Ann Kelly, David Molyneux, Cecil Pelley

## THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET MARCH 18 – MARCH 24

Monday: 7:30 PM CSUC Council Mtg Bannerman Entrance  
Tuesday: 12:30 PM YOGA  
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Men's Service Club Bannerman St  
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance  
Wednesday: 12:15 PM Prayer Group  
Sunday 12:00 PM Beef Stew Lucheon and AGM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

## OFFICE

**Office Hours:** Tuesdays 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Wednesdays 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm  
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Fridays 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

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## CONTACT REV. MIRIAM

Have a question or need to make an appointment?

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# **GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*please stand as you are able

## **PRELUDE:**

**\*INTROIT HYMN # 506 vs. 2: Take My Life and Let It Be**  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and purposeful for thee.

## **\*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 HYMN # 148: Jesus Remember Me**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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

God, Bless to me this day,

**God, bless to me this night.**

Bless, O Bless, Thou God of grace

**Each day and hour of my life;**

God, bless the pathway on which I go,

God, bless the earth that is beneath my sole;

**Bless, O God, and give me Thy Love,**

O God of Gods, bless my rest and my repose;

**Bless O God and give to me Thy Love.**

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

**God to enfold me, God to surround me,**

**God in my speaking, God in my thinking.**

**God in my sufficing, God in my slumber,**

**God in mine ever-living soul,**

**God in mine eternity. Amen.**

## **\*HYMN # 642: Be Thou My Vision**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**O holy Jesus; O Gentle Friend;**

**O Morning Star; O Mid-day Sun adorned.  
According to the multitude of your mercies, cleanse my iniquity.  
O holy story-teller, holy scholar,  
O full of grace, of holy strength,  
O overflowing, loving, silent One,  
O generous and thunderous giver of gifts,  
Forgive. Amen**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Like bees to nectar you draw us to yourself, the sweetness of your love bringing healing, comfort and peace; the power of your love transforming hearts, souls and lives.

**Spirit of love and power,  
touch our lives with sweetness and grace,  
touch our hearts with healing and peace. Amen**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**\*HYMN # 852: Up from the Depths I Cry to God**

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

### **OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY & PRAYER**

**God of light and God of night,  
Creator of seed and mountain,  
raindrop and fountain,  
We bring our offering of praise.  
God of right and God of might,  
Lover of child and childless, rich and homeless,  
We bring our offering of praise. Amen**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN MV #116: Giver of the Perfect Gift**

**Giver of the perfect gift, only hope of human race,  
Hear the prayer our hearts uplift,  
Gathered at thy throne of grace.**

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

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

**Holy God,  
reveal your presence to us this day.  
Send your Spirit upon us  
that we might listen, discern, and take heart.  
Be near us this day  
and may your Word with us stay  
and dwell with us forevermore. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Genesis 15:1 – 12, 17 - 18**

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Reader: Leslie Matsikiti

## **RESPONSIVE PSALM 27 page 754**

Reader: Paula Reynolds

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**Luke 13:31 - 35**

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM: How Deep the Father's Love**, *by Larry Shackley*

**Faith Story: Dani Fry**

**\*HYMN MV # 79: Spirit, Open My Heart**

## **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 # 586: We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection**

### **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**

**BENEDICTION Olde Irish Blessing**, *by Linda Fletcher*

## **POSTLUDE**

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** – **First Sunday in Lent**
- Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** – **Council Meeting**
- Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** – **Men's Service Club Meeting**
- Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** – **BEEF Stew Luncheon & Annual Congregational Meeting**
- Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** – **Easter Sunday**

**Announcements:** If you wish to have an announcement included in the bulletin, please have it into the office by Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

**Sanctuary Sound System:** We have a looped system for the hearing impaired. Please ask one of the ushers for a headset.

**No Scents Makes Good Sense!** A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Reactions can vary from not being able to breathe to severe headaches. Thank you for helping.

Lent is a time to explore our faith. During the season of Lent, we will have guests from a variety of religious communities share their faith stories.

- March 17<sup>th</sup> – Dani Fry (St. James United Church)
- March 24<sup>th</sup> – Liz Ohle (Quaker Community)
- March 31<sup>st</sup> – Brenda Rishia (Jewish Community Havura)
- April 7<sup>th</sup> – Derek Osmond (St. Thomas' Anglican Church)
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday

Rev. Miriam is the guest preacher at St. Mark's Anglican Church on Wednesday, March 20, at 7:30.

***THANK YOU!*** A big thank you to everyone who made our Pancake Supper such a great success! We could not have done this without such dedicated volunteer work!

**PRAYER GROUP** meets weekly at 12:15pm to pause, give thanks, breathe deeply, and pray for others. If you have a prayer request, you can write on the flip chart Sunday, put them in our offering plate, or email [prayers@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:prayers@cochranestreetuc.com).

**CSUC Men's Service Club:** The next meeting will be held at Cochrane Centre **March 19, 6.30pm**. All men are welcome to attend and enjoy an evening of good food, great fellowship, and fun. See you there and God Bless. For further information, please contact the church office at 722-3023. *Gerry Penney, Chairperson*

**Church Council Meeting** is **March 18, 7:30pm**, in the Community Space. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Stephen Jewczyk Council Chair at [sjewczyk@gmail.com](mailto:sjewczyk@gmail.com).

**Financial Update:** The winter months are among the most challenging for our cash-flow. The cold and snowy weather sometimes makes it hard to get to church. Our main source of revenue are the financial contributions we receive from members. Just like a household, we have financial commitments that need to be met throughout the year to support our mission and ministry. So far our revenue for 2019 is lower than it was last year at this time. We are asking for your support. Perhaps you would consider sending us post-dated cheques? Or maybe you would consider signing up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) which deducts an amount you decide upon from your account on a monthly basis. Or maybe you would consider making a one time extra donation. To discuss all options please contact our treasurer, Tim Reynolds, [csuctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:csuctreasurer@gmail.com).

**Congregational Information Session:** Rev. Faith March-MacCuish and Allison Piercey will be meeting with the congregation after church **March 17** to talk about the responsibilities involved with hosting the 2020 Annual Regional Conference. A decision will be made at the congregational meeting on March 24.

**Astrid's Graduation Recital:** Our choral Scholar Astrid Correa will take place Saturday, **April 20**, at **8:00 pm** in D. F. COOK Hall at School of Music in Memorial University. She will be playing works by Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Ravel, Morel and Moncada.

**Exam Survival Kits:** Every year we put together exam survival kits for our university students. This year we are going to fill 12 bags and we need your help. We fill these bags with a variety of items. Use your imagination. Here are some suggestions - chips, popcorn, candy, chocolate, tea, stress balls, gum, and bubbles. Please drop off the items at the office or bring them to church on Sunday. Thanks for your support.

**COCHRANE CENTRE – Update on Construction in the Sanctuary:** In 2018, Cochrane Centre was awarded \$100,000 from the City of St. John's to make capital improvements in the sanctuary. First Light began working with local contractor K & P Contracting to complete the work associated with the leaking roof in January. The two corners at the front of the sanctuary have had work completed, and are now ready for cosmetic work.

The unfortunate battle with water, is that it will continue to find a way in as long as the entire building is not water tight. We have noticed that water continues to find its way in near those corners, but now in different locations. We are working with K & P to stretch the dollars as far as we can before beginning any cosmetic work. We will be meeting with them again next week to determine the priority areas.

Ice on the roof at the Cochrane Centre entrance has caused new leaks as well. This puts at risk the work carried out in the vestibule last year, so we have made this area a priority. We will provide updates in upcoming bulletins to keep the congregation up to date on progress. We look forward to restoring the sanctuary with you all!

**COFFEE TIME HOSTS:** We are looking for people to volunteer as hosts for Coffee Time after church. If you are willing to help host, please contact the office (722-3023) or put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board as you head into the event room. Don't know what to do? No problem. We can pair you with someone who has done it before or just give you an orientation. Your help is very much appreciated!

**COFFEE TIME DONATIONS:** If you can't volunteer to host a coffee time, maybe you can supply some donations to be kept in the freezer to help out our coffee time hosts. We are looking for donations of cookies, loaves or raisin bread. If you could attach your name to your donations, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**CHURCH COUNCIL 2019:** We have vacancies on Church Council, the governing body for the congregation. The church council meets monthly from September to June and as needed for the rest of the year. Important work is done on behalf of the congregation, there is engaging conversation, and fellowship. If interested in being part of the church council, please email Rev. Miriam, [revmiriam@cochraneastreetuc.com](mailto:revmiriam@cochraneastreetuc.com).

**COCHRANE UCW** will have an eat-in **Beef Stew Luncheon March 24**, after church service. Cost is \$10 - includes rolls, dessert, and tea/coffee.

**CSUC AGM:** Our Annual Meeting will take place **March 24 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.

**Art Hive** is providing off loom weaving Sundays from 12:30pm – 2:00pm in Cochrane Centre's small meeting room. All materials available and at no cost. For further information, email [hearthstonestudios@gmail.com](mailto:hearthstonestudios@gmail.com).

## NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Organization of the Woman's Association (WA) dates from Church Union in 1925. However, there were Ladies Aid Societies in many congregations before this time. The purpose of the organization was to deepen the spiritual life of the women of the Church and to promote a program of Christian fellowship and service, personal evangelism, and stewardship. This was defined as assistance to the local minister, visitation, and promotion of Christian education in the home and Sunday school, and general oversight of the furnishing of the manse. (Victoria University Archives, Administrative history of the WA).

Of interest to us at Cochrane Street might be the following records located in the Archives: Service bulletin for the bi-annual meeting of the WA St. John's Presbytery held at Cochrane Street 1957, and a short history of the WA of Cochrane Street written by Mrs. Alex Marshall and dated 1959.