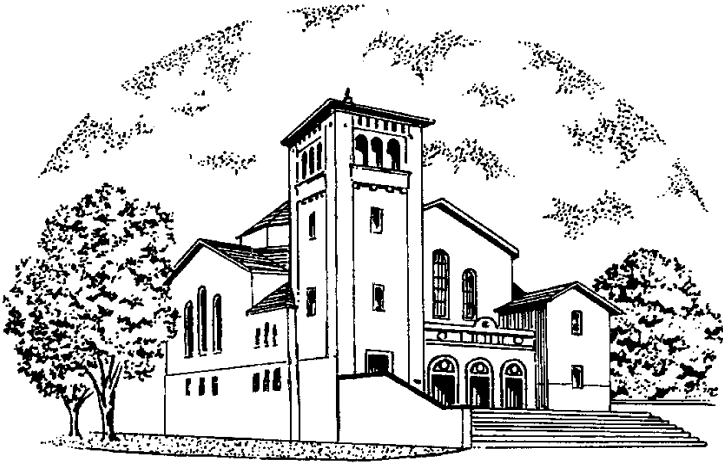


Cochrane Street United Church

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May 15th, 2022

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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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OFFICE

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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 VU 166: Joy Comes with the Dawn vs. 3

REFRAIN: Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.

We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise,
to the One who brings us grace. **R**

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 VU 179: Hallelujah Give Thanks vs. 4

REFRAIN: Hallelujah, hallelujah. Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah! Give praise to God's name.

Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour. **R**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

May this be a day of hope,
of expectation,
of relishing each moment as a gift from you.
May this be a day of freedom,
of breaking free,
of loosening the chains that still surround us.
May this be a day of peace,
of wholeness,
of knowing that our lives are in your hands.
May this be a day of joy,
of blessing,
of living in your kingdom as a child of God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Now therefore, arise, O Lord,
and come into this place of Thy rest, Thou,
and the ark of Thy strength.
Let thine eyes be open toward this house day and night;
and let Thine ears be attent to the prayers of Thy children,
which they shall offer unto Thee in this place;
and do Thou hear them from heaven.
And may we all, with Thy people everywhere,
grow up into Thy holy temple in the Lord,
and be at last received into the house not made with hands,
eternal in the heavens.
And to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be glory and praise, world without end. Amen.

(Taken from the prayer of Dedication for Cochrane Street United Church in 1916 as published in the Telegram)

HYNM VU 220: Praise to the Lord vs. 1, 3 & 4

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear:
brothers and sisters draw near,
joining in glad adoration.
- 3 Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who out of love will befriend us.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from God's people again:
gladly with praise we adore him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
you made us in your image,
with a mind to know you,
a heart to love you,
and a will to serve you.
But our knowledge is imperfect,
our love inconstant,
our obedience incomplete.
Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.
In your tender love, forgive. 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

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY:

OFFERTORY HYMN VU 581: When We Are Living vs. 2

2 Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Grant, O Lord, that by Thy holy Word, read and preached in this place, and by the Holy Spirit grafting it inwards in the heart, the hearers thereof may perceive and know what things they ought to do and may receive power to do the same. Amen.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1 - 6

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

ANTHEM:

SERMON:

HYMN VU 713: I See a New Heaven vs. 1, 2 & 4

REFRAIN: I see a new heaven.

I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

- 1 There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. R
- 2 There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain. R
- 4 There, there where we work with the love of
healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land.

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 331: The Church's One Foundation vs. 1, 3 & 5

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, 'How long?'
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
- 5 We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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.

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of Mothers,
Gertrude Knight and Dora Baker,
From June Knight*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| May 13 - 15: | FDEE ACM (on-line only) |
| May 15: | Celebrating 140 th Anniversary of CSUC |
| May 15: | CSUC Annual Congregational Meeting |
| May 17: | Gower St UC Men's Club (6pm)
CSUC Men invited for food & fellowship |
| May 22: | Worship Service is on-line only |
| June 5: | Communion |
| June 11: | CSUC Plant Sale (<i>more details to follow</i>) |
| June 19: | Father's Day |
| June 26: | Rev. Miriam's last service – celebration of ministry together & ending the pastoral relationship |

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.

OUR FLOWER SERVICE 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!

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be on Sunday, May 15, immediately after a short worship service in the sanctuary. The 2021 Annual Report will be available for pick up on Sunday, May 8 – one per family. You can also view them on-line at <https://www.cochranestreetuc.com/cochrane-street-news>.

BRIDGES TO HOPE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The Bridges to Hope AGM will take place on **Monday, May 16th** at Wesley United Church. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting, which will begin at 7:00 pm.

COCHRANE CENTRE AGM: The AGM for Cochrane Community Outreach and Performance Centre will take place on Tuesday, **May 31st at 7:30 pm** at Cochrane Centre. To allow the Centre to get up to date following delays due to Covid-19 public health restrictions, the event will be conducted in two parts as two separate meetings. The first part will be the **AGM for 2020**, and the second will be the AGM for the year 2021. **If you would prefer to attend the meeting(s) virtually please email Cheryl Sullivan-Critch** at cherylesc@hotmail.ca to make arrangements.

SEEKING 2022 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS: The Church Council is seeking members of the congregation to sit on the 2022 Church Council. This is necessary to ensure compliance with the United Church governance requirement and to provide the continued leadership of our church, particularly in the coming year. The Church Council generally meets monthly in the evenings. If you are interested in being part of the Church Council, please email the Council Chair, Stephen B. Jewczyk at sjewczyk@gmail.com or telephone 763-3213.

BROADVIEW MAGAZINE (formally Observer) yearly subscriptions are now up for renewal. If you would like to renew your subscription or would like to receive a yearly subscription for the first time, please contact Paula Reynolds at 325-2106 or see me in church on or before May 31, 2022.-- Yearly subscriptions are \$25.00. You can pay me in cash or by cheque. **Please make cheque payable to "Broadview".**

INVITATION FROM GOWER STREET MEN'S CLUB: Our Men's Club is pleased to invite the men of Cochrane Street United Church to an evening of food and fellowship in our Lecture Hall on **Tuesday, May 17, beginning at 6:00 pm**. We hope that many of you will join us as we would like to discuss the possibility of you joining with us on a more permanent basis.

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 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, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com. Rev. Miriam will provide an orientation lesson and what is required to keep them up to date.

SPRING FLOWER SERVICE: CSUC welcomes you to join us in celebrating our return to Spring with flowers and music on **Sunday, May 29, at 11 AM**. We invite you to purchase a carnation(s) to celebrate the lives of loved ones, or as a tribute to the death of a loved one. The carnations will be put in vases then distributed to senior's homes or to some of our own congregation shut-ins for their continued enjoyment. Carnations can be purchased by filling out a form (*provided in our recent mailout*) and dropping it in the collection plate with your payment. Or mail it with your payment to Cochrane Street United Church. You can also e-transfer your purchase at csuctreasurer@gmail.com. Each carnation is **\$10.00**. Completed forms must be received by **Thursday, May 27**.

COCHRANE STREET UNITED CHURCH PLANT SALE is Saturday, June 11, from 11:00am–2:00pm. Come visit us on the steps of 81 Cochrane Street to see our indoor & outdoor plants! Or stay for some BBQ – hotdog & drink for \$5! If you have any questions, please contact the church office by Wednesday, June 8, at info@cochranestreetuc.com or 722-3023.

SAVE YOUR PLANTS! Save your houseplants and outdoor plants so that the PLANT SALE can go ahead on Saturday, June 11. Drop off your indoor and outdoor plants on June 11, from 9:30–10:30am. If you need any plants picked up or have further queries, please contact the church office at info@cochranestreetuc.com or 722-3023. For affordable plant pots, try using 500 gram yogurt or margarine containers and poke holes in the bottom for drainage.

FROM OUR PARTNERS AT GUIDE TO THE GOOD

Let's Get Digital – A Bit of How-To: Join Guide to the Good for this free online session developed to make Digital Do-Able for busy entrepreneurs! Date and Time: Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 7pm. Check back to register!

FIRST DAWN EASTERN EDGE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the United Church Women. The event will take place September 16-18, 2022. For more information please visit: <https://ucecast.ca/67348-60th-anniversaryof-united-church-women-september-16-18-2022>

FDEE Annual Meeting 2022: First Dawn Eastern Edge will have its annual meeting on-line only from May 13 – 15. Registration is now live on the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council website: <https://ucecast.ca/first-dawn-eastern-edge-regionalcouncil-16/first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-annual-meeting-2022>

ALL MEMBERS of the EASTERN REGIONS OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF

CANADA: Below is a new document entitled “A Congregation as a Whole Being the Governing Body”. This document has been updated, based on The United Church Manual 2022 of The United Church of Canada, for small congregations who are considering having the congregation as a whole being the Governing Body. Approval from the region is needed if using this model of governance.

The new guidelines are found on the regional website under policies, or by using the following link: <https://ucceast.ca/67292-governance-for-a-congregation>. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to be in contact with your Regional Minister, or Rev. Faith March-MacCuish at fmaccuish@united-church.ca.

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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.

YOUTH FORUM 2022: We are gauging interest for an in-person Youth Forum event on the weekend of June 4th for youth of our region age 12-18. Keep an eye out for registration! Clergy, youth, parent, leaders – please fill out the survey. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzZJxVFFLkUxPErLBiD1sNmfwqIrTqbmUDaNb2xZk7Eqjvaw/viewform>. Any questions, please contact Catherine at cstuart@united-church.ca.



NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

The first church was dedicated on Sunday, May 14, 1882. At the 11 AM service, the minister, Rev. Dr. George J. Bond, was assisted by the President of Newfoundland Conference, Rev. Charles Ladner, Rev. Peach, Rev. Milligan, Rev. Percival and Rev. James. The sermon was preached by Rev. Ladner with the formal dedication following the sermon.

With a slender spire rising 114 feet on the north corner, the building was Gothic in design, measuring 84.5 feet long and 50.5 feet wide. The building was entered on Cochrane Street through three Gothic-shaped front doors. The interior had galleries on both sides and the end. The seating capacity was 800 persons. The interior of the building was of pitch pine which darkened with age. The pulpit and communion rail were of walnut, with the walls painted a light green.

The basement had a Sabbath School room of 50 x 12 feet and an infants' room of 34 x 30 feet. The latter had raised seats and was separated from the other room by folding doors. With two other rooms in the basement, the basement space provided for a main Sunday School area along with a primary room, class room and library, which, by 1887, contained 430 books.