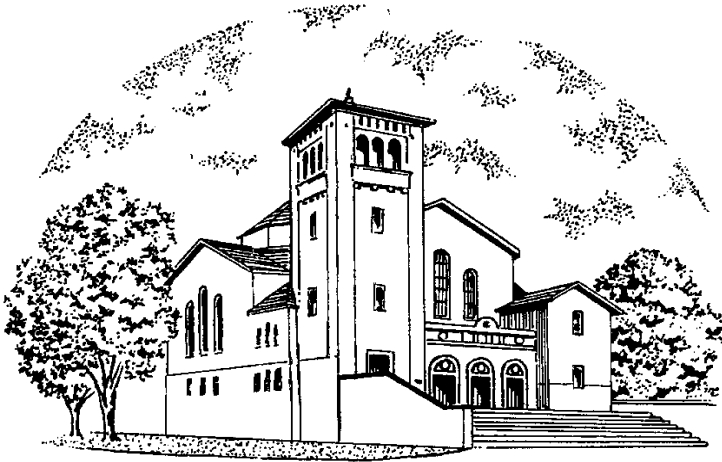


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Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

Whether you are here for the first time or this is your church home – welcome to our community of faith.

USHERING TEAM FOR MAY

Jalna McMaster, Fraser Ellis, Jo Anne Kelly, David Molyneux

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET MAY 17 – MAY 23

Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
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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 187: The Spring Has Come vs. 1

1 The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.
New light, new day, the spring has come, let all the church be part of it!

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 #122: This Is the Day

This is the day that God has made;

we will rejoice and be glad! *Repeat*

Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!

We will rejoice and be glad! *Repeat*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Behold, God is doing a new thing.

Here. Now.

In the midst of daily life.

The Holy One who created heaven and earth
forms us afresh today.

Let our spirits rise to greet our Maker.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Mighty God,

to you belong the mysteries of the universe.

**You transform shepherds into kings,
the smallest seeds into magnificent trees,
and hardened hearts into loving ones.**

**Bless us with your life-giving Spirit,
re-create us in your image,
and shape us to your purposes,
through Jesus Christ. Amen**

HYMN MV # 1: Let Us Build a House vs. 1 & 5

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of all Mercy,

We come before you

**Knowing we have not always lived up
to your call to care for others and the world.**

Help us to love as Christ loved.

**Knowing our own weakness,
may we stand with all who stumble.**

**Sharing in his suffering,
may we remember all who suffer.**

**Held in his love,
may we embrace all whom the world denies.
Rejoicing in his forgiveness,
may we forgive all who sin against us.
In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

LEARNING TOGETHER

HYMN: Spirit in the Sky

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 # 191: What Can I Do?

What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love.
I'll do my share.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy God,
You are in everything.
In our struggle to hear your Word,
bless our doubts, our wonderings
life's deep questions, and deeper mysteries.
Teach us to love our questions
as well as our answers. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1 - 11

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSIVE PSALM 47**

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**² For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

**³ He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.**

**⁴ He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

**⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

**⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

**⁷ For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.**

**⁸ God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.**

**⁹ The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:44 - 53

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Shelter Me

SERMON:

Reflective Music

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: MV 154: Deep in our Hearts vs 1,3 & 4

1. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

3. Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.
4. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

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 224: May the God of Peace

May the God of peace and of all good,

May the god of peace and of all good be always with you. Amen!

May God's peace be with you. Amen!

POSTLUDE

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

MEMORIALS

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

*In Loving Memory of Rachel King,
ever remembered by Lizzie, Bill & Family*

In Memory of Irene Tucker, From Linda Facey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Study Leave: Rev. Miriam will be on study leave from May 17 - 23 to attend The Festival of Homiletics which is an international preaching conference. Rev. Kathy Brett of Topsail United Church will be covering all pastoral emergencies. She can be reached at 834-4567 or 764-8499.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 9	Communion Service online and in-person
May 14–16	First Dawn Eastern Edge (FDEE) Regional Council Annual Mtg
May 16	In-person and online
May 23	Online Service
May 30	In-person and online
May 30	Spring Flowers
June 6	Communion service
June 8	Pancake Supper Takeout (5:30pm – 6:30pm @ Bannerman Entrance)
June 10–17	Online Auction
June 12	Plant Sale & BBQ (<i>please note an incorrect date was given in our recent mailout</i>)

SPRING FLOWER SERVICE: CSUC welcomes you to join us in celebrating our return to Spring with flowers and music on **Sunday, May 30, at 11AM**. 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**.

Take Out PANCAKE SUPPER: Pancakes, sausage and dessert for \$10. Pick up at the Bannerman Street entrance on June 8, from 5:30–6:30pm. Please contact the church office with any queries at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

PLANT SALE: Plus stay for some BBQ – hotdog & drink for \$5! Our annual plant sale is June 12, from 11:00am–2:00pm. Drop off your indoor and outdoor plants at 81 Cochrane Street on June 12, from 9:00–10:30am. If you need your plants picked up, please contact Tim Reynolds at csuctreasurer@gmail.com.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Here are some midweek activities 55 years ago in 1966:

Monday – Boy Scouts, Thursday – Cub Scouts, Friday – Explorers and CGIT, Saturday – Coffee House, Tuesday through Friday mornings – Preschool Headstart.