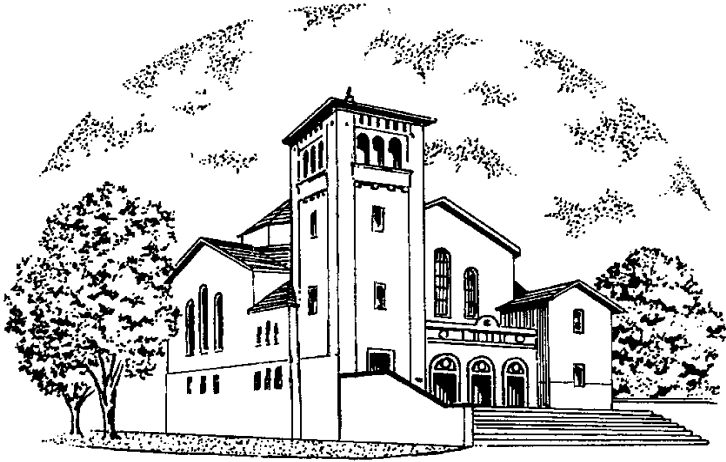


Cochrane Street United Church

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May 19, 2019

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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.
Following worship there is a time of fellowship.

USHERING TEAM FOR MAY

Ian McMaster, Blair Bradbury, Gerry Penney, Bill Squires

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET MAY 20 – MAY 26

Tuesday: 12:30 PM Yoga Bannerman Street Entrance
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Men's Service Club Meeting Bannerman
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance
Wednesday: 12:15 PM Prayer Group Bannerman Street Entrance
Wednesday: 7:30 PM CSUC Council Meeting (location TBA)
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesday 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Wednesday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Thursday 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Friday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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CONTACT REV. MIRIAM

Have a question or need to make an appointment?

You can reach Rev. Miriam in the following ways:

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

*INTROIT MV #8: **And On This Path** (verse 1)

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide, 3X
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!

*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: **Halle, Halle, Halle**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus has given us a new commandment:

We are commanded to love one another.

Just as Christ has loved us,

So we ought to have love for one another.

By this, everyone will know we are Christ's disciples:

By our love for one another.

Come, may we join our hearts in worship:

We will worship God by loving one another.

*PRAYER OF APPROACH:

O God who is Alpha and Omega,

All creation sings your praise!

You are the One who has breathed life,
sparked the fire, and kindled the imagination
that brings forth life, ideas, and dreams.

You are the One who continues to make new creations,
in our universe, in our world, and in our very selves.

You are the One who creates life out of death,
hope out of despair, peace out of war and hate.

You are the One who loves us despite all that we have done,

**You love us because we are your children.
Guide us in our daily living,
and allow us to go beyond the limitations and boundaries
we have imposed upon ourselves, our society, and our church;
so that we may know you more fully and deeply,
day by day. Amen.**

***HYMN: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING #333VU**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Almighty and Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you,
in thought, word, and deed:
We have not loved you with our whole heart,
We have not answered your call to serve,
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**By excluding others, we have excluded you.
By holding grudges, we have begrudged you.
Though our quarreling and divisiveness,
we have failed to show your love in our world.**

**Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves,
so that, as you move toward us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you,
and receive the embrace of your love;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

**God's love is sure and steadfast,
always providing a way out,
a way through, a way back to God.
We are a forgiven people.
Thanks be to God. Amen**

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN: JESUS LOVES ME #365VU**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY & PRAYER

***OFFERTORY HYMN # MV 182: Grateful**

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing, over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

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
Stay and dwell with us forevermore. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 11:1-18

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

Reader: Sig Lenser

RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 148 (pg. 871VU)

Reader: Miriam Woelfel

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 13:31-35

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

ANTHEM: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, *arr. by Bradley Ellingboe*

SERMON:

*HYMN: WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. **R.**

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. **R.**

All Praise to the Maker from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us all one. **R.**

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:

THOUGH I MAY SPEAK

#372VU

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: You Shall Go Out with Joy # 884VU

POSTLUDE

We acknowledge with thanks a donation to the Memorial Fund:

In Memory of Robert Howell

From Jim & Betty Howell

St. Peter's Men's Service Club

Linda & Keith Bowden

Dianne Benmore

Ross Daniels

Gary & Violet Daniels

From Lorraine Fillier

Jerry, Wendy, Taylor & Morgan Ford

Anthony & Patricia Kean

C. Ashton Stanley

Ruth & Bruce Tilley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Saturday, May 25** – UCOF Workshop (10 am-noon)
- Sunday, May 26th** – CSUC UCW Bake Sale (after 11 am service)
- Sunday, May 26th** – UCOF Joint Worship Service (7 pm)
- Saturday, June 8th** – CSUC Men's Club and UCW plant, book & bake sale
- Saturday, June 8th** – Messy Church (4 pm)
- Sunday, June 9th** – Pentecost Sunday / United Church of Canada Anniversary – Happy Birthday Church!

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. Thank you for helping.

Congratulations: Cochrane Street United Church is going to host the second meeting of First Dawn Eastern Edge Conference from May 29th - 31st, 2020. It means that we will be hosting the Celebration of Ministries of service on the Sunday morning where ordination and recognition take place. Once Oliver Dingwell completes his coursework, he will be eligible to be ordained at the service on May 31st! More details will be coming soon.

CSUC Men's Service Club: The next meeting will be held at Cochrane Centre **May 21, 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 **May 22, 7:30pm**, location to be announced. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Stephen Jewczyk Council Chair at sjewczyk@gmail.com.

CSUC United Church Women are having a BAKE SALE after 11AM Church Service on Sunday, May 26.

United Communities of Faith (UCOF): There will be a joint service for UCOF on **May 26, 7PM, at CSUC**. Our guest preacher is David Armour the Executive Minister, Philanthropy & President of the United Church of Canada Foundation. Coffee, tea and fellowship to follow the service. The offering from this service will be in support of Burry Heights Summer Camp.

Cochrane Street United Church is hosting the UCOF evening service on May 26. We are asking our congregation members to **please bring something to share**. If you can't make it to church that night, you can drop off your contribution that morning.

United Communities of Faith Workshop: Mark your calendars! On Saturday, May 25, from 10am to 12pm, David Armour, Executive Minister for Philanthropy and President of The United Church of Canada Foundation will be leading workshops for the any interested people on the Stewardship Toolkit, The United Church of Canada Foundation and Planned Giving. They will take place at First United Church in Mount Pearl.

CSUC Men's Club & UCW plant, book & bake SALE – June 8, 9am-3pm (Bannerman Entrance): Admission, \$1.00. Pop in for tea/coffee while you shop or just come by for the BBQ! Donations gratefully accepted. For further details, please contact the church office at 722-3023. If you have any spare plant pots to donate, please drop off at the church office Sunday or during the week, Tuesday-Thursday from 10am-3pm. Many thanks!

Student Minister Position: Cochrane Street United Church received a Canada Summer Jobs grant. We are seeking a student minister for 8 weeks at 30 hours/week. Applicants must be between 15 - 30, a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident, and have a valid social insurance number. In addition, the applicant needs to have good communications skills, computer skills and a background in theological training. Please contact Rev. Miriam for further information and to apply for the position:

revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com

Shoppers Run For Women: Help support a great cause and join the Run or Walk for Women. The money raised goes to support Stella's Circle Women's mental health initiatives. You can do the run or walk on June 23 and still make to church for 11!! For The United Church Team, go to <https://www.runforwomen.ca>. There is a \$50 registration fee. Date: Sunday, June 23rd / Team: United Church / Distance: 5 km Walk (Quidi Vidi)

Burly Heights Chaplains: Looking to enjoy a week for fun and getting to know amazing children and councillors? Why not offer your time as chaplain? The chaplain is responsible for leading reflections each morning and vespers each night. A full curriculum is provided and there is a chaplain training session. Camps run Sunday at 4pm to Fridays at 12 from June 30 to August 23. If interested, please contact Miriam Bowlby at revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com

The Faith Formation and Leadership Development Team of the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council is pleased to offer **Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Training**. It is being held at First United Church, 221 Park Avenue, Mount Pearl from June 11-12, 9AM - 4:30PM each day. For those who participate both days in full, MHFA certification will be presented.

The registration fee of \$190 is covered for you by a funding from the Coughlan College Trust Fund. **The only expense to you is your travel and accommodations.** Further information on the training as well as the Registration Form is on CSUC's bulletin board. Please email your completed registration form to info4rc16@united-church.ca.