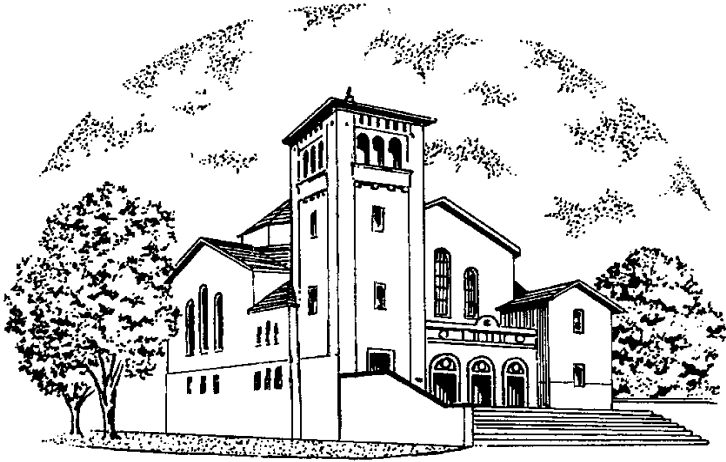


Cochrane Street United Church

81 Cochrane Street ♦ St. John's, NL ♦ A1C 3L7



May 26, 2019

The Sixth 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 27 – JUNE 2

Tuesday: 12:30 PM Yoga Bannerman Street Entrance
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance
Wednesday: 12:15 PM Prayer Group Bannerman Street Entrance
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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709-754-2532 or info@cochranecentre.ca

CONTACT REV. MIRIAM

Have a question or need to make an appointment?

You can reach Rev. Miriam in the following ways:

Email: revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com or Cell: 709-728-8410

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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: Come All You People/Uyai mose

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come now and worship the Lord. **x2**

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari,
Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari,
Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari,
Uyai mose zvino. **x2**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We look in the mirror and what do we see?

**We see people who try to be faithful,
even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.**

We look in the mirror and how do we see?

**We see with hearts which are open to God's love,
with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence
tells us not to be so foolish.**

We look in the mirror and who do we see?

**We see Jesus, the One who struggles with
the questions we raise, who models faithfulness
for all who would follow.**

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

God of life,

**We do not know the face of the future,
any more than the Israelites, the disciples,**

or the first Christians did.
Like them, we have many questions:
how to live; how to bear witness.
Like them, we thirst for the spring waters of the Spirit
to inspire us in our living
to give us a healing, hope, and wholeness.
As we gather for worship this morning,
encourage our questioning,
so that we may discover more fully
the message of your justice,
your truth, and your love.
This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN: O GOD, BEYOND ALL PRAISING**

#256VU

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, we long to rest in you,
to trust in your goodness, in your care for us,
in your abundant life.
But we do not know how to rest,
we have forgotten how to trust.
We seek material goods that we don't really need.
We befriend people, not always out of love.
We ask questions to only prove our own points of view,
instead of growing in understanding and
learning from those around us; and from you.
Slow us down, Holy One. Attend to us, Holy One,
Enfold us, in your loving embrace. 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: MY LOVE COLOURS OUTSIDE THE LINES #138MV**

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: GENESIS 18:16-33

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 22 – Part One (pg. 744VU)

Reader: Heather McMaster

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 14:1-8

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

ANTHEM: Canon of Praise, arr. By Hal H. Hopson

SERMON:

***HYMN: IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER #703VU**

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: BLESS NOW, O GOD, THE JOURNEY #633VU**

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 Laura Baker

Neville & Clara Abbott

David & Elaine Peet

Vida Short

Graybar Canada

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- 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!
- Monday, June 10th – Beer & Hymns (Bridie Molloy's, 7 pm)

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.

New Members: Are you new to Cochrane Street? We'd love to transfer your membership to CSUC. Or maybe you've never been baptized or confirmed and you'd like to join the church. If you are interested, please email Rev. Miriam: revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com. We will meet to prepare on May 30 & June 6 at 7:30 and the welcome service will be on June 9.



**CSUC United Church Women
are having a BAKE SALE
after 11:00AM Church Service
on Sunday, May 26, 2019.**

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.

CSUC 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.

Beer and Hymns: The next Beer and Hymns is June 10th at Bridie Molloy's at 7:00 pm. Bring a friend and sing a hymn!!

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!

VOLUNTEERS: Looking for volunteer cooks for our BBQ on June 8! If interested, please contact the church office at 722-3023. Much appreciated!

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 Sunday, June 23 and still make it to church for 11!! For The United Church Team, go to <https://www.runforwomen.ca>. There is a \$50 registration fee. Distance: 5 km Walk (Quidi Vidi).

Burry 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, June 11-12, 9am - 4:30pm. For those who participate both days in full, MHFA certification will be presented. **The only expense is your travel and accommodations**. Further information is on CSUC's bulletin board. Please email your completed registration form to info4rc16@united-church.ca.

Lady Cove and Eastern Owl present Warrior: Songs of Strength and Sisterhood. "Warrior" celebrates soulful harmonies, large-ensemble writing, healing through music, and empowerment. Each group will perform an individual set, and then share a set of music together; a gesture in understanding and support between indigenous and non-indigenous communities. Saturday, June 1, 8PM, at 81 Cochrane Street. Tickets \$30/25 (student & senior) + box office surcharge. Available at the Holy Heart Theatre Box Office, 55 Bonaventure Avenue (579-4424, theatreboxoffice@nf.aibn.com, <https://holyhearttheatre.com>).

FLEA MARKET: The Glenbrook Lodge Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Flea Market June 1, 9AM - NOON, at the Glenbrook Lodge, Torbay Road. Many slightly used household items will be available. Admission is \$1.00. Anyone wishing to donate items for this event could drop them off on Friday, May 31.

The St. John's Choir's spring concert, with special guests the Aurora Women's Choir, is June 2 at George Street UC; 7:30 pm. Tickets \$20. To purchase, e-mail stjohnschoir.info@gmail.com, call/text 746-8947, or pick up at the door.

Gower Street United Church Affirm Celebration June 5, 7:00pm, on 99 Queen's Road. Gower Street invites us to join them in celebrating their becoming an Affirming Church within the United Church of Canada. Special guest, Her Honour The Honourable Judy May Foote. There will be a reception in the Lecture Hall. For information on Affirming Ministries, visit <https://www.affirmunited.ca>.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

On Wednesday, May 27, 1981, the ordination service for the United Church Newfoundland and Labrador Conference was held at Cochrane Street. Karen Edgar and David Guzzwell, both members of our congregation were ordained, as was Eric Hillier. All three became ministers of our congregation.