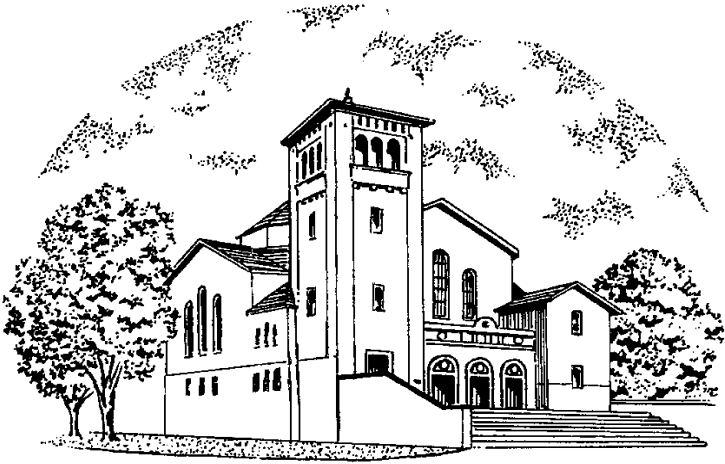


Cochrane Street United Church

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May 30th, 2021 Spring Flowers

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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 31 – JUNE 6

Thursday: 10:00 AM Zoom Prayer Group
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 MV 3: River

Spirit, come-a-down to the river-side,
Spirit, spark of wondrous thought.
Spirit, I am free for you to guide,
Spirit, pray that I be taught!

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 #12: Come Touch Our Hearts vs. 4

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Like a mountain stream exuberant in it's flow

you carry us into the river of your love,

and transport us gloriously, effortlessly,

to the ocean of your grace.

Let us worship and praise God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Compassionate God,
the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life
for all who long for you.

One breath from you rescues us from being parched
and breathes joy into us that we might praise you,
and be filled with your holy hope.

Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit,
so that wholeness and new life may burst into bloom.
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

HYMN # 226: For the Beauty of the Earth vs. 1,2, &4

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light, R

REFRAIN

God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift sublime
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, R

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy One,
You have given us a world of beauty,
and we have spoilt it.
A world to feed us,
and so many go hungry.
A world of riches,
and we are unwilling to share.
A world to care for,
and we think only of ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for those times your heart is saddened
by our selfishness.
For those times we have no thought
for others, no cares but ours.
Enable us to see this world anew
as a gift from you,
to be shared and nurtured,
and those who live upon it
to be loved and cared for.
We pray in Jesus' name. 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

LEARNING TOGETHER

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HYMNVU 291: All Things Bright and Beautiful vs. 1,3 & 5

REFRAIN:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one. R

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings. R

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well. R

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 VU 222: Come Let Us Sing vs. 4

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

**God of Courage, be in our speaking.
Be also in our listening,
and speak to our souls' deep understanding.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:9 - 13

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 35:1 – 10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ² it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

**The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.**

³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ **Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!**

Here is your God.

**He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.**

He will come and save you.”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ **then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.**

**For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;**

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,^[a]
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸ **A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,^[b]
but it shall be for God's people;^[c]
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.**

⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰ **And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:25 - 34

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

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Anthem: Days of Elijah

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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 VU 703: In the Bulb There is a Flower

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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 209: Go Make a Difference (Refrain)

Refrain: Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world. **X2**

POSTLUDE

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 30 Spring Flowers Service, In-person and Online
- 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 (*please note an incorrect date was given in our recent mailout*)

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

In May 1958, the Men's Club donated electric chimes to the church.
On Aug 1, 1969, our new minister was Rev Ray Tucker.
In 1970, the congregation donated \$2000 to Coughlan College.