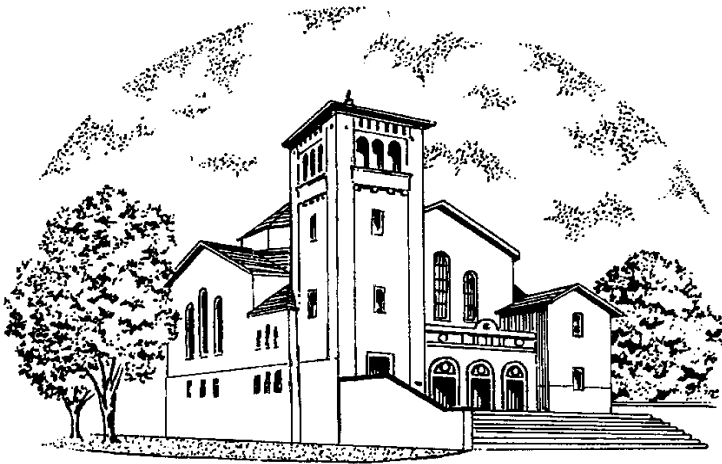


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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*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 to the Risen Christ 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:

Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.

We have come to this place in need for healing and hope.

Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.

We come here seeking guidance and strength.

Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.

Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to comprehend your word and follow you faithfully.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Holy God,

When the journey is hard

strength is failing, we lose the path, stumble or fall,

You raise us up,

refresh, encourage, give hope.

You enable us to continue on our way,

climb mountains or simply follow day by day. Amen.

HYMN MV #12: Come Touch our Hearts vs. 1, 3 & 5

1. Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.
3. Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.
5. Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all, come touch us with your grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us to follow and our footsteps falter,

reach out your hand and we treat you as stranger,

whisper our name and we simply ignore you.

Gracious God,

slow to anger, swift to bless,

forgive us,

restore us.

Grant us hearts that stand firm,

a faith that is strong and a hope that endures. 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

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY:

OFFERTORY HYMN VU 159: The Strife is O'er vs. 4

On the third morn he rose again,
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain, hallelujah!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy God,
You speak to us in many ways,
through rushing wind or still small voice,
in Scripture's Word and through your Grace.
Help us hear your voice above the clamour of this world,
recognize the difference and follow only you. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24: 13 - 35

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

SERMON:

HYMN VU #182: Stay With Us

Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the pain.
Stay with us, blessed stranger
till the morning breaks again.

Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the grief.
Stay with us, blessed stranger
till the morning brings relief.

Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the dread.
Stay with us, blessed stranger
till the morning breaks new bread.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

In the name of the One who said,
“I am the bread of life,”

I invite you to come and eat.

In the name of the One who said,
“I am the true vine,”

I invite you to come and drink.

In the name of the One who said,
“Love one another as I have loved you,”

I invite you to the table of Jesus Christ.

This is the table of the risen Christ

**In this feast gleams the promise of the earth
and glory of all creation.**

In this feast comes the Christ
Saviour and Friend to all.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
Before all that is, You were God.
Outside all we know, You are God.
After all finished, You will be God.
Archangels sound the trumpets,
Angels teach us their songs,
Saints pull us into your presence.

And this is our song:

Holy, holy, holy God

our life, our mercy, our might.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Save us, we pray, you beyond all.

Blest is he who comes in your name.

Save us, we pray, you beyond all.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
You beyond the galaxies,
You under the oceans
You inside the leaves,
You pouring down rain,
You opening the flowers,
You feeding the insects,
You giving us your image,
You arcing us through the waters,
You holding us in the night,
Your smile on Sarah and Abraham,
Your hand with Moses and Miriam,
Your worlds through Deborah and Isaiah,
You giving us Jesus
Who lived among us,
Healing, teaching, dying rising
Inviting us all to the feast.

On the night Jesus was betrayed,
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying,
“Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”
And again after supper he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying:
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and all people
For the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on this meal.
Enliven this bread,
Awaken this body,
Pour us out for each other

Open our minds,
Ignite your church,
Nourish the life of the earth.
Make us, while many, one.
Make us, though broken, whole,
Makes us, despite death, alive.

This sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
we offer you, loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
We praise you now and forever.
Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most Holy.
Amen

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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

The bread we break
Is our sharing in the life of Christ.
The cup for which we give thanks
Is our sharing in the life of Christ.

Prayer After Communion

**We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness;
that wine poured out replenishes;
that time spent with the Risen Christ
and one another is gift and grace.
Amen**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

HYMN VU #481: Sent Forth By God's Blessing

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

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 VU #164: The Day of Resurrection vs. 1

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

POSTLUDE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 8:	Mother's Day / Communion
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.

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>.

MISSION ARTICULATION PLAN (MAP) TEAM: Council is pleased to announce the following members who will form the CSUC MAP Team:

Blair Bradbury

Heather McMaster

David Peters

Charlie Pope

Tim Reynolds

The team will be producing a MAP that sets out the priorities and direction of the congregation over the next number of years and is required prior to our search for a new minister. Council thanks the members for agreeing to serve on the Team and looks forward to the preparation of the plan over the next number of months

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: The Gower Street United Church Men's Club is pleased to invite the members of the Cochrane Street United Church Men's Club (and other men from our church who are interested) to an evening of fine food and fellowship to be held at the Gower Street United Church 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.

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.

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 have been developed for several years and 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 in managing our social media platforms, 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.

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. Running out of room to put those plants - Why not sell them to your friends and neighbours? Start with \$3 for small plants. Proceeds towards Cochrane Street United Church.

FROM OUR PARTNERS AT GUIDE TO THE GOOD

Tools to Schedule Your Social Media - Digital is DoAble:

Get free digital marketing tips and tools from Guide to the Good. Social media is an important part of digital marketing. But posting can be overwhelming. Luckily there are free tools that help make the job easier.

Date and Time: May 11th 10:20am-10:30am

Link: <https://fb.me/e/4VIGuGmsO>

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://ucceast.ca/67348-60th-anniversaryof-united-church-women-september-16-18-2022>

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.

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://ucceast.ca/first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-16/first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-annual-meeting-2022>

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.

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.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH SPRING FAIR: On Saturday, **May 7**, from **10:00am - 12:00pm** we will have a will be having our Spring Fair Logy Bay Road. Come along and peruse our many baked goods, crafts, preserves and surprise table and try your luck by purchasing ticket on a beautiful basket. Unfortunately, we are not serving Morning Coffee at this time. Admission is \$1, come by and enjoy viewing the items. Masks are STRONGLY recommended.

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of Mother, Rachel King,
Ever Remembered by Lizzie, Bill, and Family*

*In Loving Memory of Mother, Irene Tucker,
From daughters Linda Facey and Marilyn Pardy and Families*

*In Loving Memory of my Beautiful Mother, Leah Budden,
this Mother's Day. We love you and miss you.
From Cheryl, Byron, Ellice and Allannah*

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

2022 is the 140th anniversary of our congregation worshipping in our own church on Cochrane Street.

In February 1879, Mr. William Gibb, a local architect, was interviewed by the church's Building Committee. Little is known about Mr. Gibb. However, we do know that he arrived in Newfoundland prior to 1877, designed the first St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, and then Cochrane Street Methodist Church. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Gibb left Newfoundland, traveled to Africa, then to Colorado where he practised architecture. He returned to Newfoundland in 1894, perhaps to help with rebuilding after the fire which almost destroyed St. John's in 1892. The design for the church was approved and the tender for construction of the church was awarded to John Score General Contracting of St. John's with the value of the contract being \$25,000.