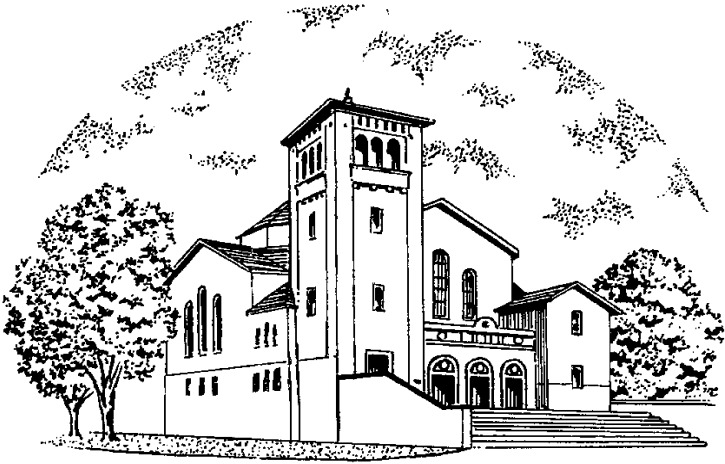


# Cochrane Street United Church

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## May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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# Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

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

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## USHERING TEAM FOR MAY

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

## THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET MAY 10 – MAY 16

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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## CONTACT REV. MIRIAM

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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:

God whose love reaches to the highest heavens

**how can we keep silent?**

God whose righteousness stands like the tallest mountain

**how can we keep silent?**

God whose justice is deeper than any ocean

**how can we keep silent?**

God whose grace flows like a never-ending river

**how can we keep silent?**

How can we not proclaim your majesty

**from generation to generation?**

God whose love reaches to the highest heavens

**we praise your mighty name!**

**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 VU # 333: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Merciful God,**

**you made us in your image,**

with a mind to know you,  
a heart to love you,  
and a will to serve you.  
But our knowledge is imperfect,  
our love inconstant,  
our obedience incomplete.  
Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.  
In your tender love, forgive. 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**

#### **HYMN MV # 79: Spirit, Open My Heart**

*Refrain*

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love me I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender.
2. Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory.
3. May I weep with those who weep,  
share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
may we welcome one another.

### **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](mailto: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 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**

**Acts 10:44 - 48**

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 15:9 1- 17**

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

*Reflective Music*

**SERMON:**

**ANTHEM: Taste and See**

**GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE  
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 fest.

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 is 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**

## **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 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, Irene Tucker,*

*From daughters, Linda Facey and Marilyn Parady, and Families*

*In Loving Memory of Leah Budden,*

*a remarkable Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother & Friend,*

*From Cheryl, Byron, Ellice and Allannah*

*In memory of our mothers/ grandmothers*

*Lorraine Parsons and Carol Sifton,*

*From Scott, Miriam, Will and Carrie*

## 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
June 6	Communion service
June 10–17	Online Auction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** If you wish to add an announcement, please have it into the office by Wednesday at noon.

**Envelopes:** Do you need envelopes? If so, please contact Harold Grandy at [hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca).

**RECYCLABLES:** Drop off your recyclables at any Green Depot and use the Cochrane Street Code (our phone number) 7223023. Your empty containers will support the ministries of our congregation! Thank you in advance for your help. For more information, check out this website:

<https://www.greencan.ca/?page=start>

**ONLINE AUCTION 2021:** We are hosting an online auction and we'd love to have your donations! What makes a good donation? Gift cards from grocery stores and restaurants, good quality used items, homemade crafts, or if you are a cook or baker perhaps a homemade meal or sweets or muffins for a month. Items can be picked up by contacting Bill Evans via email: [billlevans3237@gmail.com](mailto:billlevans3237@gmail.com). Items can be dropped off during office hours or at church on May 16th & May 30th. The auction will take place from June 10 – 17. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Shopper's Run for Women in Support of STELLA's CIRCLE:** Don't let the word "run" stop you! Walking is an option. It is well known that fortified by a good cup of tea Stella Burry could accomplish just about anything! The legacy of her work continues in the work done by Stella's Circle. The funds raised by the Run for Women support mental health programs for women at Stella's Circle. This year the Run for Women is virtual. You can choose your own route and your own time to do the walk or run any time **from July 4 - 11**. The registration fee goes directly towards supporting the work of Stella's Circle and each participant receives a \$100 swag bag, t-shirt and bracelet. Last year we raised \$1,400.

Let's see if we can do it again. Please join our team called "Stella's Tea Cups." If you want to join or have questions, email

[revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com) or go directly

to <https://www.runforwomen.ca/Cities/StJohns.aspx> to register!

**TURKEY COLD PLATE TAKE AWAY:** The George Street United Church and the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre will be hosting a Turkey Cold Plate Take Away Dinner on **May 29 at 4:00pm**. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at the GSUC office Monday to Friday, 8:00am–12:00pm. Tickets will be on sale until May 25. There will be no tickets sold at the door.



**Come Celebrate Mom with Brunch at The Fluvarium** on Sunday, **May 9, 11:00am–1:30pm** and **get a free admission pass!** You'll love the menu that Coffee Matters has in store for Mother's Day! As an added bonus, she'll receive a few extra goodies! For more details or to reserve your table, contact us at 754-3474 or [info@fluvarium.ca](mailto:info@fluvarium.ca).

**techKNOWtutors** is a community-based digital literacy training program operated by the Community Sector Council Newfoundland & Labrador. Join a virtual drop-in to ask the **techKNOWtutors** any digital questions you have on your mind! In these sessions, we will be offered **one-on-one support**. These sessions are **FREE** for anyone to attend! Check out which sessions that would interest you at <https://techknowtutors.ca/upcoming-classes/> or call us at 753-9860. You can ask specific questions about:

- Zoom help and concerns
- Email, social media, messaging
- Downloading apps or programs
- Watching TV and movies online
- *and anything else you can think of related to the internet!*

## **NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES**

Much building work has been done throughout the 105 years on the church building. In 1930, the roof over the church vestibule at the main entrance was repaired. The waterproof surface was intact but underneath the joist and deck had rotted. The total cost to replace this damaged wood, cover it with a waterproof material and a layer of gravel as well as incidental repair to the copper flashing disturbed during the repair work was \$300 (about \$4,600 today).