

Cochrane Street United Church

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Reign of Christ Sunday

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

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

USHERING TEAM FOR NOVEMBER

Roger Crosbie, Jim Austin,
Jeff Critch, Jim Oakley

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET NOVEMBER 23 - 29

Thursday: 10:00 Zoom Prayer Group
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

Worship Leaders: Paula & Tim Reynolds

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: O Master, Let me Walk with Thee**

O master let me walk with thee, in lowly paths of service free;
Teach me thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care

*WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***LIGHTING OF THE 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 # 18: Lord Prepare Me

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,

Pure and holy, tried and true;

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We come seeking Jesus, the Light of the world!

Shine in our hearts Lord Jesus!

We believe in the strength of God to illuminate dark places.

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness shall not overcome it.**

Lord, in this hour of worship, kindle in us the light of your love.
Let your light shine through us, now and forever.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

We gather together in worship and praise.

Praise to you, God!

Praise to you for this evening.

Praise to you, God!

Praise to you for the great commission:
to make disciples, to baptize, to teach.

Praise to you, God!

Praise to you for always lighting our way.

Praise to you, God! Amen

***HYMN VU # 585: Jesus Bids us Shine (vs. 1 & 3)**

1 Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

3 Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin, and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of glory,

**you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.**

**We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.**

We turn away from the poor;

we ignore cries for justice;

we do not strive for peace

we continue to damage the earth.

**Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
so that, as forgiven and renewed people,
we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love;
know that our sins have been forgiven.

May we be strengthened in all goodness.

Since we have been raised with Christ,
let us seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen

LEARNING TOGETHER

Candle Lighting and Messages

***HYMN: # 82 VU A Light is Gleaming (vs. 1 & 3)**

Refrain: A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.

- 1 When light comes pouring into the darkest place,
it hurts our eyes to see the glow.
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,
our memories and tears. **R**

- 3 And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.
He showed us things we hadn't seen.
Now we, like Jesus, can help creation shine,
and this will be a sign: **R**

OFFERING INVITATION

***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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God,

Accept all that we offer to you today.

Bless our gifts of time and talent,
as well as our gifts of money.

May they all be used for the building up of your Kingdom.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy Spirit,

Open our hearts to the story of your love.

Open our minds to new ways of knowing you.

Open our doors to who all you would welcome. Amen

RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 100

Shout to God, all the earth:

worship with gladness and joy.

Come before God with laughter,

our maker to whom we belong.

To the Shepard who tends us like sheep,

let us raise our voices in song.

Come to God's gates with thanks,

come to God's courts with praise.

Praise and bless God's name,

Truly you are good:

you are always gracious,

and faithful age after age. R

GOSPEL READING: Mathew 5: 14-16

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

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ANTHEM: When the Wind of Winter Blows

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***HYMN VU # 87: I am the Light of the World (vs. 1 & 4)**

Refrain: 'I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

- 1 When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun: **R**
- 4 To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth! **R**

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GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 in 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 MV # 209: Go Make a Difference**

Refrain: Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world. **X2**

- 1 We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world.
- 2 We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world.
- 3 So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world.

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

POSTLUDE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 22 – Celebration of Light Service 7 pm

November 23 – Decorating for Christmas 10 am

November 29 – First Sunday of Advent 11 am

November 29 – Christmas on Cochrane 5 pm

December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent 11 am

December 6 – Christmas on Cochrane 5 pm

December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent 11 am

December 13 – Christmas on Cochrane 5 pm

December 20 – Lessons & Carols 11 am & 7 pm

December 20 – Christmas on Cochrane

December 24 – Jesus' Birthday Party (outdoors) 5 pm

December 24 – Candles, Carols & Communion 7 pm

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

A NEW BEGINNING! Sixth of 9 Parts

Placed in the cornerstone was a glass jar containing copies of the *New Testament*, *Methodist Discipline*, *Methodist Hymn Book*, Methodist Conference Station Sheet, Church periodicals, local newspapers from around the country [province], a leather purse containing Newfoundland coins, photos of the old church, and having been found in the rubble after the fire, the glass jar (with its contents) from the 1880 cornerstone of the first church building.