

Cochrane Street United Church

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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 NOVEMBER

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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 #71: When the Winter Wind Blows vs. 1

When the wind of winter blows,
bringing times of solitude,
fill the silent icy night;
be our hearts' compassion.

Refrain: Holy Light, warm our night;
warm the time of winter.
Holy Light, warm our night;
warm the time of winter.

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 381: Spirit of Life

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The God who breathed this world alive
and sustains it day by day,
whose hands flung stars into space
and controls our destiny

says, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

The God who filled the ocean depths
and set tides on their way,
who caused mountains to be raised up
and rainbows to display

Says, "I have called you by name, you are mine."

The God who made the fertile earth
and seed within to sow,
whose artistry creates butterflies
and the early morning dew

says, "You are precious in my sight."

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

**We light a candle, and enjoy the flickering light,
the fragrance and warmth it creates.**

**But without the spark that ignites, there will be no flame.
Without the wax, the source of power, the wick will not burn.
Without the flame, there will be no fragrance,
no warmth, no light.**

And so with us, Lord.

**You are the catalyst that ignites us,
and the fuel that sustains us.**

You fill us with your fragrance as you enter our lives.

**You empower us to carry your flame in our hearts,
to be the fragrance, warmth,
and light of your love, in this world. Amen**

HYMN VU 82: A Light is Gleaming vs. 1, 2 & 4

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

- 2 When night is round us and every shadow grows,
a star is there to light our way.
It tells a story of Jesus who came near to say:
'God's light will ever stay.' R
- 4 So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n,
and let us rise to see the dawn.
We trust that God is here asparkle and ablaze,
- warming all our days. R

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Lord God, your love for humankind
present in the beginning of all things,
extends throughout history and touches even my life.
Your love sees failings and forgives.
Your love feels pain and wipes away our tears.
Your love knows grief and comforts the sorrowful.
Your love sees sin and still loves us still.
Forgive us when we fail to live lives that reflect your love.
Forgive us the many times when we take for granted
all that you have done for us.
Transform us, through your Spirit,
and empower us to serve you, this day and all days. 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

CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN: VU 494: Those Hearts That We Have Treasured

- 1 Those hearts that we have treasured,
those lives that we have shared,
those loves that walked beside us,
those friends for whom we've cared,
 their blessing rests upon us,
 their life is memory,
 their suffering is over,
 their spirits are set free.

2 They still give hope and comfort,
they did not lose the fight,
they showed us truth and goodness,
they shine into our night.

Remember days of gladness;
remember times of joy;
remember all the moments
that grief can not destroy.

3 From hearts that we have treasured,
from lives that we have shared,
from loves that walked beside us,
from friends for whom we've cared,
we've learned to treasure kindness,
we've learned that grace provides,
we've learned to be together,
we've learned that love abides.

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 MV 182 Grateful (chorus)

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

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GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

O Lord,

your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,

and strength to follow on the path you set before us;

through Jesus Christ, Amen.

*RESPONSIVE PSALM 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation.

Should I fear anyone?

The LORD is a fortress protecting my life.

Should I be frightened of anything?

**2 When evildoers come at me trying to eat me up—
it's they, my foes and my enemies,
who stumble and fall!**

3 If an army camps against me,
my heart won't be afraid.

If war comes up against me,
I will continue to trust in this:

**4 I have asked one thing from the LORD—
it's all I seek:**

**to live in the LORD's house all the days of my life,
seeing the LORD's beauty
and constantly adoring his temple.**

5 Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling
during troubling times;
he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent;
he will set me up high, safe on a rock.

**6 Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me,
and I will offer sacrifices in God's tent—
sacrifices with shouts of joy!
I will sing and praise the LORD.**

7 LORD, listen to my voice when I cry out—
have mercy on me and answer me!

**8 Come, my heart says, seek God's face.^[a]
LORD, I do seek your face!**

9 Please don't hide it from me!
Don't push your servant aside angrily—
you have been my help!
God who saves me,
don't neglect me!
Don't leave me all alone!

**10 Even if my father and mother left me all alone,
the LORD would take me in.**

11 LORD, teach me your way;
because of my opponents, lead me on a good path.

**12 Don't give me over to the desires of my enemies,
because false witnesses and violent accusers
have taken their stand against me.**

¹³ But I have sure faith
that I will experience the LORD's goodness
in the land of the living!

¹⁴ **Hope in the LORD!**
Be strong! Let your heart take courage!
Hope in the LORD!

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ANTHEM:

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HYMN VU 87: I Am the Light of the World vs. 1, 3 & 4

'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

3 To free the prisoner from all chains,
to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
to see God's children everywhere! 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

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 437: The Day You Gave Us, God, Is Ended vs. 1, 3 & 5

- 1 The day you gave us, God, is ended,
the sun is sinking in the west;
to you our morning hymns ascended,
your praise shall sanctify our rest.
- 3 As o'er each continent and island,
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.
- 5 So be it, God! Your throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
your rule remains and grows forever,
until there dawns that glorious day.

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 BLESSING

SUNG BLESSING VU 886: You Shall Go Out with Joy

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE

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

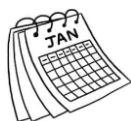
MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of Ivy Rowe,
from Patrick Pender*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- November 14: Service of Light (7PM)
Please Note there is no morning service
- November 25: Christmas Decorating (10AM)
- November 28: First Sunday of Advent

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



2022 CHURCH CALENDARS will soon be available at a cost of \$6.00. If anyone is interested, please contact the Church Office (722-3023, info@cochranestreetuc.com) to place an order.

SUNDAY MORNING READERS: Are you interested in reading scripture in church on Sunday morning? If so please let us know! If you are, call or email the office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

Decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season: A Christmas decorating gathering for the sanctuary is being organized for Thursday, November 25, at 10am. Anyone who wishes to volunteer and help out with the decorating is asked to be at the church at 10am. This is the time for joy and merriment!

Envelopes: Do you need envelopes? If so, please contact Harold Grandy at hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca.

STUFF THE NEW SHELVES FOR BRIDGES TO HOPE! We are going to fill our shelving with the following items: Canned Beans, Canned Milk, Canned Meats, Mac n Cheese, 1 litre Juice, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Crackers, Cereal. Any other non-perishable food item would be much appreciated. Thank you so much for your support.

United Church Bookstore Christmas Display: Our bookstore is seeking volunteers to help with the Christmas display at 320 Elizabeth Avenue. If you have some free time to help show our wonderful Christmas collection, reach out to Leona at l laundry@united-church.ca or 1800-268-3781 ext. 6141.

BRIDGES TO HOPE has been selected as the recipient of Tim Horton's Holiday Smile Cookie Campaign. From November 22–28, 100% of proceeds from each cookie sold will help to feed over 10,000 of your neighbours. This includes all Tim Horton's Restaurants in the greater St. John's Area and will have a huge impact on reducing hunger this Holiday Season.

1. **WE REALLY NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Tim Horton's are currently dealing with a staffing crises, so we need help decorating cookies. Grab a friend and volunteer an hour or two to help decorate cookies at a Tim Horton's near you. Or maybe tell the boss you need a couple of hours off to help Bridges to Hope reduce hunger! For more information or to sign up: volunteersignup.org/H8YPQ
2. Show your Smile Social Media Contest: Win a \$200.00 Tim Horton's Gift Card or a
 - Purchase a \$1.00 Smile Cookie at a participating Tim Horton's from November 22–28.
 - Upload a photo of your Smile Cookie to Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter
 - Tag us and use #SmileCookie
Twitter: @bridges2hopeinc
Instagram: @bridgestohope
Facebook: @bridgesToHope
 - Each post is one entry. Unlimited entries. The more you post the more your chance to win!
 - The contest closes on November 28 at midnight. The winners will be drawn at random the next day at noon.
 - Open to Newfoundland residents only.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Next year, 2022, is the 140th anniversary of our congregation worshiping on Cochrane Street. I thought it might be interesting to look back 40 years. All "Notes" from November 14 to December 19 are taken from the 1982 Annual Report.

From the minister, Rev. Dr. Wallace Baker's report: "As Cochrane Street congregation moves into the second century of witness and service in the community, we are grateful for where we have come, and go forward with the assurance of God's guidance."

In 1982, there were 11 confirmations, 6 persons received by transfers, 30 deaths, 26 baptisms, and 20 marriages recorded in our church registers.

