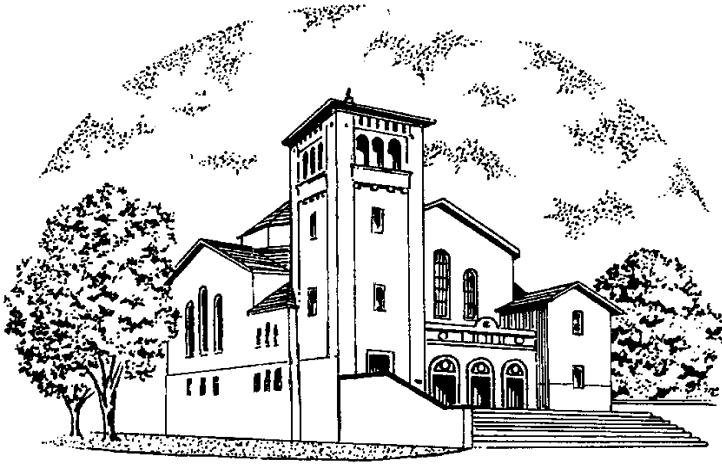


# Cochrane Street United Church

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## November 21<sup>st</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 NOVEMBER

Brian Johnston, Sandy Stavlo, Sandra Garland

## THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET NOVEMBER 22 – NOVEMBER 28

Tuesday, Nov 23      7:00 PM      ZOOM CSUC Council Meeting  
Sunday, Nov 28:      7:00 PM      Worship at Cochrane

## OFFICE

**Office Hours:**    Tuesdays      9:00 am – 1:30 pm  
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## CONTACT REV. MIRIAM

Have a question or need to make an appointment?

You can reach Rev. Miriam in the following ways:

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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: God of the Sparrow vs. 6

6 God of the ages God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

## 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:**

Your love flows like a stream  
into the ocean of your Grace.

**Your love encircles this world,  
displays your faithfulness.**

Your love is patient and kind,  
brings wholeness and true peace.

**Your love is all we desire  
to heal our brokenness.**

As all things pass and fade away  
love remains eternally

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**God of power and love,  
you raised Jesus from death to life,  
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation.  
Free the world to rejoice in his peace,  
to glory in his justice,  
and to live in his love.**

**Unite all humankind in Jesus Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **HYMN VU 240: Praise My Soul the God of Heaven vs. 1, 4 & 5**

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,  
glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who, like me, should sing God's praise.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise the Maker all your days!

4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise the high eternal one.

5 Angels, teach us adoration,  
you behold God face to face;  
sun and moon and all creation,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**O God, we long to rest in you,  
to trust in your goodness, in your care for us,  
in your abundant life.**

**But we don't know how to rest**

**And we have forgotten how to trust:**

**We seek material goods that we don't really need.**

**We befriend people not always out of love.**

**Slow us down, Holy One.**

**Attend to us, Holy One,**

**And show us that you are our hope and our resting place. 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 VU 210: You Lord Are Both Lamb and Shepherd vs. 2, 3 & 4**

2     Clothed in light upon the mountain,  
          stripped of might upon the cross,  
shining in eternal glory,  
          beggared by a soldier's toss.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
      you who are both gift and cost.

3     You, who walk each day beside us,  
          sit in power at God's side.  
You, who preach a way that's narrow,  
          have a love that reaches wide.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
      you, who are our pilgrim guide.

4     Worthy is our earthly Jesus!  
          Worthy is our cosmic Christ!  
Worthy your defeat and victory.  
          Worthy still your peace and strife.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
      you, who are our death and life.

## 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 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

### 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

**Revelation 1: 4b - 8**

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

#### \*RESPONSIVE PSALM 132

O LORD, remember in David's favor  
all the hardships he endured;

**2 how he swore to the LORD  
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,**

**3 "I will not enter my house  
or get into my bed;**

**4 I will not give sleep to my eyes  
or slumber to my eyelids,**

**5 until I find a place for the LORD,  
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."**

**6 We heard of it in Ephrathah;  
we found it in the fields of Jaar.**

**7 "Let us go to his dwelling place;  
let us worship at his footstool."**

**8 Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting place,  
you and the ark of your might.**

**9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,  
and let your faithful shout for joy.**

**10 For your servant David's sake  
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.**

**11 The LORD swore to David a sure oath  
from which he will not turn back:**

**"One of the sons of your body  
I will set on your throne.**

**12 If your sons keep my covenant  
and my decrees that I shall teach them,  
their sons also, forevermore,  
shall sit on your throne."**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 18:33 - 37**

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

**ANTHEM:**

**SERMON:**

*Reflective Music*

### **GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 213: Rejoice, The Lord is King**

**1 Rejoice the Lord is King!  
Your risen Lord adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing  
and triumph evermore.**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our sins,  
he took his seat above. R

3 God's kingdom cannot fail;  
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given. R

4 Rejoice in glorious hope,  
for Christ, the judge, shall come  
to glorify the saints  
for their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

### **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 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 Memory of Reginald Howell,  
From son, Oscar, and Family*

*In Memory of my brother, Dennis Riche,  
who was a member of the congregation for many years,  
From Gerald Riche*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- November 25: Christmas Decorating (10AM)  
November 28: First Sunday of Advent, 7pm worship service  
*Please Note There Is NO Morning Service*  
November 28: Christmas at Cochrane, 4–5pm  
December 5: Christmas at Cochrane, 4–5pm  
December 12: Christmas at Cochrane, 4–5pm  
December 19: Christmas at Cochrane, 4–5pm

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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28:** The service on November 28 will be at 7pm. The annual Downtown Christmas Parade is taking place at 12pm on November 28. The traffic congestions and parking will be too difficult to access the church that morning.

**Next Meeting of Church Council** is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 2021. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Stephen Jewczyk Council Chair at [sjewczyk@gmail.com](mailto:sjewczyk@gmail.com).

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

**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](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com).



### **Decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season:**

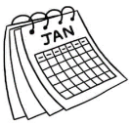
A Christmas decorating gathering for the sanctuary is being organized for Thursday, November 25, at 10am. Anyone who wishes to volunteer and help out with the decorating is asked to be at the church at 10am. This is the time for joy and merriment!

**Christmas on Cochrane Volunteers:** We are looking for 5–6 volunteers each week for Christmas on Cochrane (November 28, December 5, 12 & 19). Volunteers will be helping collect food for Bridges to Hope, monitoring the barricades, helping set up the sound system and set up for the event. Volunteers will need to arrive at 3:30pm then we should be done and cleaned up by 5:00pm.

**Christmas on Cochrane:** Everyone is welcome to join us for our newest Christmas tradition — a neighbourhood tree lighting. Each week we will have Christmas Carols, special guests and a joyful celebration of community as each week we light up trees for hope, peace, joy and love! We will also be collecting food for Bridges to Hope. Here is a list of the items most in need: cereal, canned milk, canned soup, canned beans, Mac-n-Cheese (ie kraft diner), Ravioli, SpaghettiOs etc, 1 litre Juice, canned fruit, pasta foods/sauce, cracker, packaged meals (Sidekicks, Mr. Noodles etc), hygiene items.

**Solid Wood Bookcase:** We are looking for a solid wood bookcase to be donated so we can return our hymn books to the sanctuary. Why solid wood? It needs to go on wheels so the hymn books can be stored between services. Please call or email Rev. Miriam if you can donate a bookcase. (728-8410 or [revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com))

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** This year you can buy cards with Robert Young's beautiful picture of those stained glass windows that are on the north side of our sanctuary. They are \$5.00 for 10 cards. You can buy them on our website or by calling the office 722-3023.



**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](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com)) to place an order.

**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](mailto:l laundry@united-church.ca) or 1800-268-3781 ext. 6141.

**THE UNITED CHURCH BOOKSTORE** is seeking volunteers to help with inventory this year. The days we have selected to do inventory is December 16-21, 2021. If you have any time to give to help out with inventory please let me know. As we always say more hands make light work. Appreciate any time you can give.

## **FROM OUR PARTNERS AT GUIDE TO THE GOOD**

**Grow Local Go Digital - Share & Show!** We are having our Grow Local Go Digit session on Nov 24 at 10:20am–10:40am. With December just around the corner, it might be getting a bit stress-y for shoppers out there. In this episode we'll look at ways for local companies to Show, Share, and bring ease to the shopping season with digital! Grow Local Go Digital is free, fun, and a gift from Guide to the Good to help local companies thrive online, so our communities flourish. We help make digital do-able for local companies. The link is [Grow Local ~ Grow Digital](#)

**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](http://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.

**"BLUE CHRISTMAS" SERVICE** will be held at St. James United Church on Sunday, December 12 at 7:00 pm, Co-led with United Churches of the Eastern Avalon Region.

**AN EVENING WITH SHEILA WILLIAMS - CRACK ON!** at Holy Heart Theatre on November 19 and 20. Tickets at [www.holyhearttheatre.com](http://www.holyhearttheatre.com)

**FALL LEARNING EVENT:** The 2021 Fall Learning Event is being offered by the Faith Formation, Christian Education and Leadership Team. This event will take a lunch-and-learn approach through a series of presentations via Zoom. Sessions are **open to all members of Pastoral Charges in our Regional Council at no cost.** The schedule is as follows:

November 25 – New Study Immersion

REGISTER ON THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WEBSITE:

<https://ucceast.ca/64391-2021-fall-learning-event/>

**Lady Cove and Newman Sound present SURE ON THIS SHINING NIGHT** on Saturday, November 27, 7:30pm, at the Anglican Cathedral (16 Church Hill, St. John's) with special guests Deantha Edmunds, soprano, and the NL Deaf Choir. Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://www.showpass.com/sure-on-this-shining-night/>

Gower Street United Church's Seniors' Group is planning to hold a **SENIORS' CHRISTMAS DINNER** on Tuesday, November 30, at 6pm (doors open at 5.30pm). Gower has adopted the policy of requiring a vaccine passport (and a photo ID) to enter the church building. If you do not already have such a passport, please let us know in plenty of time and we will help you acquire one. Entertainment will be provided by the Walsh Family. There will be a door prize (tickets \$2) and Gift Bags. **If you need transportation, please let us know** when you are booking your tickets! **Ticket price \$20.** DEADLINE FOR BOOKING: November 23, 4pm. Contact us at 753-7286 or [office@gowerunited.com](mailto:office@gowerunited.com).

## **NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES**

Next year, 2022, is the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our congregation worshipping 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.

The United Church Women was an active organization in 1982 with a membership of 94, divided into 6 units. In this small space, it is impossible to describe all the work of the women. However, here are just a few extracted from their 6-page report: monthly visits to Glenbrook Lodge, visits to the lonely and sick, support of a foster child, maintain a nurse roll and send birthday cards, care for the nurse space and contents, help with Junior choir, raise funds, support social functions in the church.