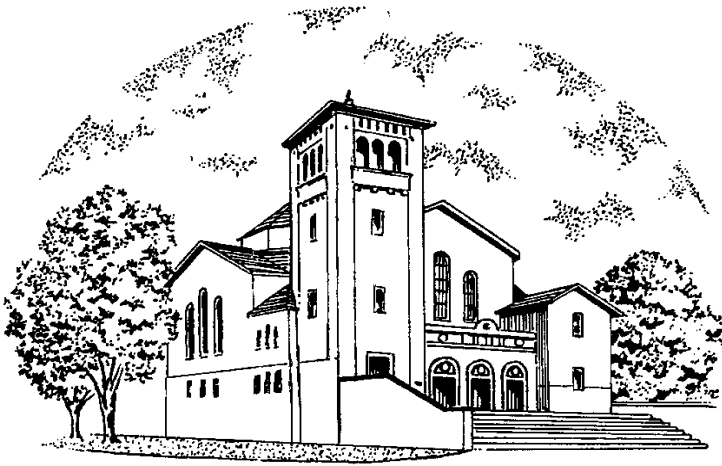


Cochrane Street United Church

81 Cochrane Street ♦ St. John's, NL ♦ A1C 3L7



October 13, 2019

Thanksgiving Sunday

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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.
Following worship there is a time of fellowship.

USHERING TEAM FOR OCTOBER

Roger Crosbie, Jim Austin, Lloyd Brown,
Jeff Critch, Jim Oakley, John Perlin

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET OCTOBER 14 – OCTOBER 20

Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance
Tuesday: 12:30 PM YOGA
Tuesday: 6:00 PM Men's Service Club Bannerman St
Wednesday: 6:30 PM CSUC Council Mtg Bannerman Entrance
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
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Thursdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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709-754-2532 or info@cochranecentre.ca

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND FUNERALS

While Rev. Miriam is on sabbatical, Rev. Bruce Kearley will be covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals.

You can reach him at (709) 739-9025

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The flowers in the sanctuary are left In Memory of Jane Howell

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

Worship Leader: Oliver Dingwell

PRELUDE:

***INTROIT: God of the Bible (Fresh as the Morning) #28MV**

God of the Bible, God of the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

***WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

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: God of Still Waiting #20MV

God of still waiting, God of deep longing,
God of the heart's true rest:
hold us in fathomless peace,
guard us with un-waning love.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

God stretches out the heavens and shapes the earth.

Come and give thanks!

God raises up the mountains and pours water into the seas.

Come and give thanks!

God calls forth plants from the soil
and forms animals in infinite variety.

Come and give thanks!

God breathes upon us and fills us with life.

Come lift your voices in praise!

God gives our lives meaning through laughter and tears.

Come lift your voices in praise!

God touches our hearts through family and friends.

Come lift your voices in praise!

God loves and blesses us with everything good.

Come and worship!

God loves us and overwhelms us with never-ending generosity.

Come and worship!

God loves us and surrounds us with love in abundance!

Come and worship!

Let us worship and give thanks to God!

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Loving and gracious God,

Your blessings are countless and your love is never-ending.

We thank you for your many gifts,

for autumn leaves and bountiful harvests,

for crashing waves and majestic skies,

for the mysteries of life,

and for your never-failing love.

As we celebrate this day of thanksgiving,

Send your Holy Spirit upon us.

Open our hearts, to you and to one another,

that we may share what we have and be truly thankful.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN: SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST #519VU**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Generous Creator,

You have given us so much,

but too often we take those gifts for granted,

or as something to which we are entitled.

You call us to live in caring community,

but too often we place our wants and needs first,

with those of others a distant second.

You call us to share your gifts with the world around us,

but we are worried that we might not have enough,

and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.

For all the times when we mistreat and misuse your gifts,

for all the times we are greedy and do not share with others,

for all the time we assume the we get what we have by ourselves,
forgive us, and lead us back to the path of wisdom.

We ask this, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Take comfort in the assurance
that even those things that are hidden from memory,
or are too deep for words, are not beyond God's forgiving love.
God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace.
We are a forgiven people!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN: PRAISE GOD FOR THE HARVEST #517VU**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN Grateful #182MV**

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 of many good gifts,
Accept the gifts we offer to you this day,
the work of our hands and the fruits of our labour.
May they be used for the building up of your Kingdom.
We also offer to you our very selves,
Grant us the grace to be truly thankful for our blessings,
and inspire us to be generous and loving in all of our living.
This, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

**God of extravagant grace,
As we read your word this day,
May we hear the call to live a life of thankfulness,
Grateful for gifts to us, may we, through scripture,
have a fresh understanding of your love and your way. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Reader: Elizabeth Purchase

RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 100 (pg. 824VU – Refrain 2)

Reader: David Peters

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 17:11-19

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Thanksgiving Song, *by Mary Chaplin Carpenter*

SERMON:

***HYMN: PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE GOD OF HEAVEN #240VU**
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: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD #236VU**

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

CHORAL BENEDICTION: You Shall Go Out With Joy #884VU

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE! A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, October 14	– BEER & HYMNS, Bridie Molloy's, 7:00 pm
Saturday, October 19	– MESSY CHURCH, Cochrane Street UC, 4–6PM
Sunday, October 20	– United Community of Faith <u>Joint Worship Service</u> First United Mount Pearl, 7:00pm
Monday, November 4	– Fundraising, Chefs' Dinner
Sunday, November 10	– Fundraising Concert, Cochrane Street UC

OCTOBER MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

OCT 13 – Oliver Dingwell
OCT 20 – Katie Vardy
OCT 27 – Frances McNiven (reflection)
OCT 27 – Stephen Jewczyk
(leading service)
NOV 03 – Rev. Scott Parsons
Communion

NOV 10 – Rev. Desmond Jagger-Parsons
Remembrance Sunday
NOV 17 – Betty Barnes
NOV 24 – Paula & Tim Reynolds
Memorial Candle Night Service
(*Santa Claus Parade same day*)

Announcements: If you wish to have an announcement included in the bulletin, please have it into the office by Wednesday at noon.

Bridges To Hope Thanksgiving Donation: Members of the congregation are requested to bring donations of non-perishable food items and/or winter clothing such as hats & mitts to the October 13 worship service for Bridges To Hope. Please place your donations in the donation boxes at the rear of the sanctuary.

2020 CHURCH CALENDARS are now available, at a cost of \$6.00; for orders please contact Ruth Lenser (753-4628) or the Church Office.

WORSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE: The next meeting will be held after church service on October 20.

There will be a Community of Faith **JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE** at First United Church, 221 Park Ave, Mount Pearl, on Sunday, October 20, 7PM. Guest preacher will be Rev. Faith March-MacCuish. Collection will go to the Bahama Disaster Relief Fund. Everyone is welcome to join us after the service for a cup of tea!

Beer and Hymns: The next Beer and Hymns is Monday, **October 14**, at Bridie Molloy's, 7:00 pm. Bring a friend and sing a hymn at this Thanksgiving gathering!!

CSUC Men's Service Club: The next meeting will be held at Cochrane Centre on **Tuesday, October 15, 6:00pm**. All men are welcome to attend and enjoy an evening of good food, great fellowship, and fun. For further information and to confirm your attendance, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING is **October 16, 6:30pm**, in the Community Hall. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Council Chair at sjewczyk@gmail.com.

MESSY CHURCH: Check out Messy Church on **October 19**, 4–6pm! Come for great music, stories, crafts and food! Everyone is welcome.

The Chef's Night event is rescheduled for **November 4**. Details soon to follow.

Volunteers Required – November 10 Fundraising Concert: Council is seeking volunteers for this concert to act as fire marshals, receive money at the door and sell bottled water. Volunteers would have to arrive at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office (info@cochranestreetuc.com, 722-3023) or Stephen Jewczyk, Congregation Chair, (sjewczyk@gmail.com, 753-6265).

FALL YOUTH GATHERING November 8 – 10: Join us for a weekend of community, fun and self-care practices at Burry Heights Camp & Retreat Centre, The Coughlan Building, Salmonier Line. More information about guest speaker and registration to come. For expressions of interest or questions, contact Rebecca Pike via email: Rebecca.pike@nl.rogers.com.

Sunday School Suspended Until Further Notice: At the current time, there are no adult volunteers for Sunday School during worship service. One member of the congregation has volunteered to date but we require several more adult volunteers to make this workable and enjoyable for all. As a result, Sunday School is being suspended until there are adults available to assist. The Council has gratefully received two responses to volunteer from our youth in the congregation, but we require an adult to be present with the youth teachers during Sunday School.

Council is still inviting adult congregation members to volunteer for the Sunday School program. Council is hopeful that we may get several volunteers who can then create a rotation schedule so that we have at least one adult present during the Worship Service who can attend Sunday School. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office at info@cochrane streetuc.com or 722-3023 or Stephen Jewczyk, Congregation Chair, at sjewczyk@gmail.com.

In closing, the Council is working diligently to address this situation but requires the assistance of the congregation.

COFFEE TIME DONATIONS: If you can't volunteer to host a coffee time, maybe you can supply some donations to be kept in the freezer to help out our coffee time hosts. We are looking for donations of cookies, loaves or raisin bread. If you could attach your name to your donations, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Thanksgiving Sunday

From the *Methodist Monthly Greeting* for Nov 1925: "Large congregations, impressive services and generous giving marked Thanksgiving Sunday at Cochrane Street Church. The presence of Dr. Chown, late General Superintendent of the Methodist Church, as the preacher for the day, formed an attraction. Miss Eleanor Mews sang *Righteous Art Thou, O Lord*, and also the solo *As Pants the Heart*. Both were given very beautifully. The choir rendered the anthems and service music with great expression and reverence, most of the music being unaccompanied – the greatest test of a choir. The eloquent sermons, the reverent worship, the inspiring hymns, in which the vast congregation heartily joined, made it a day of joy and gladness indeed, and one to be long remembered."