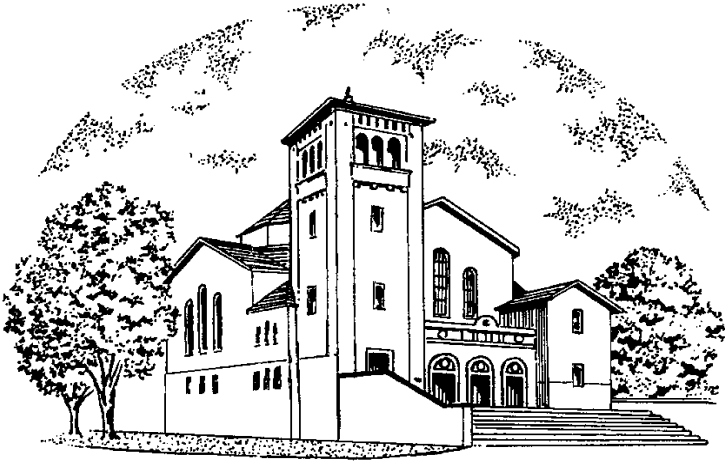


Cochrane Street United Church

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



October 20, 2019

The Nineteenth 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 21 – OCTOBER 27

Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance
Thursday: 12:30 PM YOGA
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesdays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
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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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

Worship Leader: Katie Vardy

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:

We gather in the place as one family of God.

We come to celebrate God's presence,
and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,
and the life we are called to live.

We come as a pilgrim people
searching for ways to live out our faith.

We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Fit us, O God, for this new day.
Through your Spirit, grant us courage,
so that today's uncertainties may not overwhelm us.
Through Jesus Christ, fill us with love,
so that differences may not divide us.
Through your creative energy, make us new,
so that the past may not enslave us.
Spirit, Christ, Creator, lead us into newness of life. Amen.

***HYMN: IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE
#264VU**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN: WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS #442VU**

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presider: The Rev. Scott Parsons

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Dear Friends in Christ,

we gather now to celebrate the gift of God's grace that is given to us in the Sacrament of Baptism.

We are one body and one spirit.

We have one hope in the risen Christ.

There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism.

One God and Creator of us all.

**Out of the waters of baptism we rise to new life,
forgiven of sin and one with Christ,
members of Christ's body.**

PRESENTATION:

On behalf of the congregation

I present the following person

for initiation into the Body of Christ through Baptism:

Jack Austin Glenn Symmonds

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you promise to resist evil and to live in love and justice?

I do, by the grace of God.

Do you believe in the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit—in God, source of love, in Jesus Christ, love incarnate, and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in the mission and ministry of Christ's Church?

I will, God being my helper.

VOWS FOR THE PARENTS:

Will you share with your child the Christian life, and seek to grow with him in faith, hope and love?

I will, God being my helper.

VOWS FOR THE SPONSOR AND GODPARENTS:

Do you promise through prayer and example to support and encourage Jack to be a faithful Christian?

I do, God being my helper.

VOWS FOR THE CONGREGATION:

Let us pledge to Jack our support and care:

As a baptized and baptizing congregation, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within a community that worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice and resists evil. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

Let us with the whole Church confess our faith:

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

HOPES AND PRAYERS FOR JACK

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

We give you thanks, Eternal God,
for you nourish and sustain all living things

by the gift of water.
In the time of Noah,
you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood,
giving righteousness a new beginning.
You led Israel out of slavery,
through the waters of the sea,
into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed are you, O God.

In the waters of the Jordan,
Jesus was baptized by John.
and anointed with your spirit.
By the baptism of his own death and resurrection,
Christ set us free from sin and death.
And opened the way to eternal life.

Blessed are you, O God.

We praise you that in baptism
you give us your Holy Spirit,
who teaches us and leads us into all truth,
filling us with a variety of gifts,
that we might proclaim the gospel
and serve as a royal priesthood.

Blessed are you, O God.

Pour out, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon this water
that this font may become our fount of blessing
and source of grace.

Blessed be the Lord our God, now and forever. Amen.

The Act of Baptism

I present to you, Jack Austin Glenn Symmonds, the newest member
of the Body of Christ through Baptism.

*In God's circle of love, we hold on to each other;
I can see God's love through you.
In God's circle of love, we learn to love each other;
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.*

*Oh Jack did you know that you are very special?
You're so special to us all
Oh come if you will to our circle of love.
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.*

*In God's circle of love, we hold on to each other;
I can see God's love through you.
In God's circle of love, we learn to love each other;
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.*

OFFERING INVITATION

***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:

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.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

God of the ages,

**We come this day seeking guidance and inspiration
from the words and stories of the Bible.**

**Open our hearts and minds so that
these words may inspire, comfort, and challenge us
to be a Living Gospel as your servants. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: JEREMIAH 31:27-34

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Reader: Heather McMaster

RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 119 (pg. 840VU – Part 4)

Reader: Jalna McMaster

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 18:1-8

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

SERMON:

***HYMN:**

SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART

#79MV

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:**

BE THOU MY VISION

#642VU

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

CHORAL BLESSING: You Shall Go Out With Joy

#884VU

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

MEMORIALS

*In Memory of Jane Howell,
From Anne & Stan Martin & Family*

In Memory of Jane Howell, From Ian Daniels

In Memory of Jane Howell, From Kim Lane

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sunday, October 20** – **United Community of Faith Joint Worship Service**
First United Mount Pearl, 7:00pm
- Thursday, October 24** – **Yoga Flow, Cochrane Street UC, 12:30pm**
(Usually held Tuesdays; this week is an exception)
- Monday, November 4** – **Fundraising, Chefs' Dinner (*tentative*)**
- Sunday, November 10** – **Fundraising Concert, Cochrane Street UC**

OCTOBER MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- OCT 20 – Katie Vardy
- OCT 27 – Frances McNiven (reflection);
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*)
(*no morning worship service due to Santa Claus Parade*)

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

WORSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE: The next meeting is after church service on Sunday, October 20.

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

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

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).

COFFEE TIME HOSTS: We urgently require volunteers to serve coffee after Church, in order to give a break to the few people who have done it for a long time. There is a list by the entrance to the community hall where you can enter your name for a specific Sunday. Your help is very much appreciated!

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.

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! Can't get your recyclables to the depot? **Call the church office and we will arrange to pick them up.** Thank you in advance for your help.

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

ZATOUN OLIVE OIL – The Church Council is again offering Zatoun Olive Oil for \$20 a bottle. "Zatoun is Palestine in a bottle" – Fair Trade Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Proceeds benefit farmers and children living in occupied Palestine and create awareness for peace in Palestine. Gower Street United Church are distributors for Zatoun as an Outreach Project and they have several United Churches as well as the Presbyterian Church participating in this project. If you wish to purchase this oil, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

Art Hive is providing off loom weaving Sundays from 12:30pm – 4:00pm in Cochrane Centre's small meeting room. All materials available and at no cost. For further information, email hearthstonestudios@gmail.com.

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@cochranestreetuc.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.

The Glenbrook Lodge Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their annual Fall **BAKE SALE** at the Glenbrook Lodge, Torbay Road, on **October 26**, 2:00-4:00pm. A variety of baked goods and preserves will be available. Come and get a head start on your Christmas baking.

St. James annual and most popular UCW Fall Sale is on Saturday, November 2 this year, 9:45am - noon. \$7 tickets can be purchased from any St. James' UCW member, or at the door.

THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR is hosting a Lunch & Learn webinar **October 24** from **12:30-1:30PM**. This presentation is free and open to the public. The aim of this webinar is to provide information about our First Link Program and inform you of the process to connect individuals with us. In order to connect with our clients, we require people such as yourself to help bridge the those connections by becoming referring partners!

If you are interested in being registered for the webinar, email your name, email address and profession and/or position title to firstlink@alzheimernl.ca or, give us a call at (709) 576-0608.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Our church was dedicated on June 18, 1916. The following week on Sunday, June 25, 1916, the Newfoundland Conference of the Methodist Church held its annual meeting at Cochrane Street.