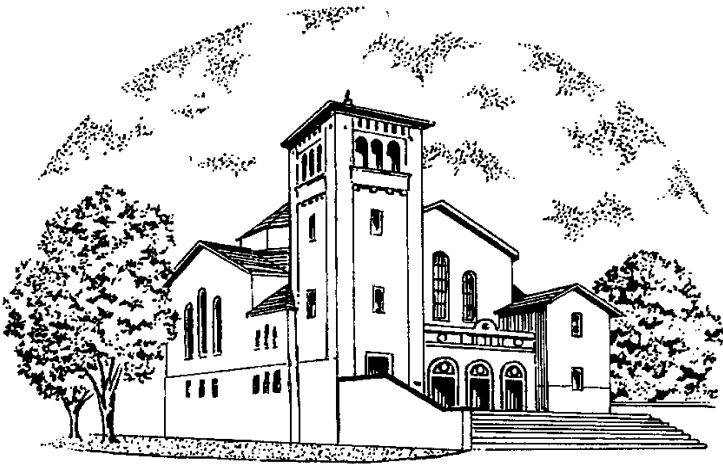


Cochrane Street United Church

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October 24th, 2021

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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 OCTOBER

Ian McMaster, Gerry Penny, Bill Squires, Blair Bradbury

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET OCTOBER 25 –OCTOBER 31

Sunday, Oct 31: 11:00 AM Worship at Cochrane

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
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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:

We have gathered to worship God.

**We have come seeking comfort,
inspiration, community, and insight.**

We have come to open ourselves
to the power of God's presence in our midst.

**We have come to offer up the seasons
and the turnings in our lives,
and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Gracious God,

**who creates, sustains, and redeems all life,
we come seeking your disturbing presence
and comforting peace.**

We praise you for the joy of being your people.

**May your Spirit be with us
and move within us, in this time of worship.**

**Give us hearts that hear your Word,
and minds that are open**

to the transforming power of your love. Amen.

HYMN: VU 296 This is God's Wondrous World (v. 1-3)

1 This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere. **(VERSE 3 ON NEXT Page)**

3 This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as liberation and peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves,
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbour
set neighbour against neighbour,
and nation against nation.
We abuse your gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
Heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love.

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

HYMN: VU 371 Open My Eyes, That I May See (v. 1–3)

1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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

**Blessed are you, gracious God:
you have given us life and freedom
to be your people in the world.
Blessed are you, gracious God:
you have called us into the church,
and into this community of faith,
pilgrims together on the journey into new creation.
Blessed are you, gracious God:
you have touched our hearts with hope,
so that we long to see the day of your salvation.
Accept, now, these gifts we bring.**

**Enable us to use them
for the coming of your new community
of justice and shalom.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

**In our struggle to hear your Word, O God,
bless even our doubts, our wonderings,
our wanderings, our soul-struggles,
life's deep questions, and deeper mysteries.
Teach us to love our questions
as well as our answers. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Job 42: 1-6, 10-17

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 34: 1-8, 19-22**

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and delivers them.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord rescues them from them all.

He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked,

and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
**The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 10: 46-52

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

ANTHEM: “ Good News, The Chariot’s Coming”

SERMON:

Reflective Music

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

God, hear our prayer. **And in your love, answer.**

**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 642 Be Thou My Vision (v. 1, 2, & 5)

- 1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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

Go into the world:

dance, laugh, sing, and create.

We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

Go into the world:

risk, explore, discover, and love.

We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

Go into the world:

believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

We go with the assurance of your love, O God.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| October 17: | Path Forward Part 2 (Information Session) |
| October 26: | ZOOM CSUC Council Meeting, 7pm |
| November 7: | Remembrance Sunday with Communion |
| November 14: | Service of Light (7PM) |
| 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.

No Scents Makes Good Sense! A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Thank you for helping.

Rev. Miriam is on Study Leave from October 18–24. If there is an emergency while she is off, please contact Rev. Bill Mercer at Wesley United Church. He can be reached at 579- 3682. Katie Vardy will be leading the service on October 24.

Next Meeting of Church Council is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, 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.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month! The Board of Vocation feels tremendous gratitude for the dedication and commitment of the Ministers who work tirelessly for their communities. We understand and appreciate that it takes many hours of the day to be creative, steadfast and perform the work necessary to fulfil that commitment of creating an atmosphere of peace and love in your church community. We see that this can be difficult in the face of the pandemic and unrest in other parts of the world as it affects us all. We want you to know that we as a board are grateful and send you our prayers in support of your well-being.

What You Might Do

- Pray for your minister and those in church leadership.
- Ask your minister why they went into ministry & what they love about it.
- Write a thank-you card, e-mail, or letter of appreciation.
- Invite the minister or other church leaders out for coffee or a meal.
- Get creative and have fun showing your minister and your church leaders how much you appreciate their hard work!

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

November 4 – Workplace Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Prevention/Response Policy

November 18 – The Forest Church

November 25 – New Study Immersion

REGISTER ON THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WEBSITE:

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

To all members and friends of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council:

Please note that as of today (October 22, 2021), in compliance with the new regulations, proof of vaccination will be required to enter the Regional Council Office and bookstore at 320 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's. Electronic and paper copies will be accepted as proof of vaccination, with accompanying identification, as per the Newfoundland and Labrador vaccine passport guidelines. Please ensure that you have all necessary documents with you before arriving at the building. With blessings and appreciation for your patience as we navigate these times.

Hygiene Drive for SHOP: The Young Adults Group of Cowan Heights United Church is gathering hygiene products for the Safe Harbour Outreach Project (SHOP). They will be hosting a collection drive for products at Cowan Heights United, 141 Frecker Drive, on **Sunday, October 24, from 12:30pm–2:30pm.** However, you can also bring your items here at Cochrane Street United Church and drop them off in the box in the Narthex. The box will be here until the end of October. The following items are most needed: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, bodywash, new underwear of all sizes, socks, face wipes, razors, and dry shampoo. Thank you in advance for your support!

GIFTS WITH VISION CATALOGUE: The United Church of Canada developed Gifts with Vision in response to member requests to be able to give gifts to relatives, friends, and loved ones that are in direct support of the church's Mission & Service partners. The catalogue includes our first ever project with an Indigenous partner in Nunavut. This year, we're providing our widest choice of gifts ever throughout Canada and across the world on giftswithvision.ca/! We have special online Gifts directly related to challenges surrounding COVID-19, and some returning Gifts such as Food for the North and Help Build a Well. Feel free to pick up a catalogue on Sunday or drop by the church office during office hours (*office hours are on 2nd page of our church bulletin*).

This Holiday, Choose Change, Choose GIFTS OF HOPE: COVID-19 is still surging; poverty, hunger and climate effects are intensifying; while conflict and civil unrest are endangering and displacing more lives every day. All of which are pushing more children out of school and towards child marriage, child labour, or trafficking – robbing children of their future. Gifts of Hope are real, tangible solutions to these crises, providing resources and service that help restore children's chances at living healthy, full lives of their choosing. Plan International Canada has a catalogue of unique gifts that can bring about real global change on this website:

https://plancanada.ca/giftsofhope/?gclid=aw.ds&gclid=EAlalQobChMIwuDH3_Xb8wIV3qeICR07cqIKEAAYASABEqJcqPD_BwE

COP26 Meditation Walk: In anticipation of the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, St. James United Church is hosting a Meditation Walk at **10 AM on Saturday, October 23**. This two hour walk in the neighbourhood and along Rennie's River Trail will begin and end in the church parking lot (330 Elizabeth Avenue). We will pause at various spots along the way to reflect on the gift of creation and to consider our impact on it. All are welcome!

THE ST. CLARE'S AUXILIARY is currently looking for volunteers with day time availability to volunteer in the Gift Shop. If you know someone who has a few hours a week to provide customer service to our patients, staff and visitors, please have them call Volunteer Resources at 777-5539 for further information.

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of Bea Pope, From
Jean & Lloyd Brown*

James Austin

Charlotte & Stephen Jewczyk

Weldon Moores

Sonia, Paula and Tim Reynolds

Fred & Sandra Rowe

Pat Wadden

*In Loving Memory of sister Beatrice Pope,
From Bob & Margaret Dixon*

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Did you know that Time Out for Women donated many items and contributed in other monetary ways during its 38 years of activities which ended in 2015? Here is a sampling: orange stackable chairs (\$1000, 1986/89), communion plates (\$350, 1991), lounge redecoration (\$1500, 1997), oil leak (\$1300, 2003), dishwasher repairs (\$3800, 2012), roof repairs (\$20,000, 2015).