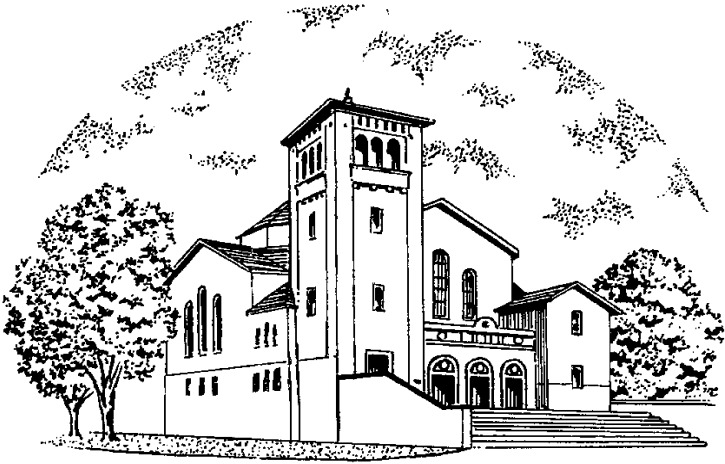


Cochrane Street United Church

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October 31st, 2021 All Saints Sunday

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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

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 VU 229: 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:

For all the saints
who went before us
who have spoken to our hearts
and touched us with your fire,
we praise you, O God.

For all the saints
who live beside us
whose weaknesses and strengths
are woven with our own,
we praise you, O God.

For all the saints
who live beyond us
who challenge us
to change us
to change the world with them,
we praise you, O God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

**Almighty God,
You have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship,
in the mystical body of Christ.
Give us grace to serve
as the saints who have gone before us.
Guide us through our daily living
And open our hearts to your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN VU 708: My Lord What a Morning (vs. 1–3)

My Lord, what a morning.
My Lord, what a morning.
My Lord, what a morning
when the stars begin to fall.

- 1 You'll hear the trumpet sound
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall. R

2 You'll hear the sinner cry
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall. R

3 You'll hear the Christian shout
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall. R

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of love and of grace,
you know the secrets of our hearts:
how blind we are to our own faults,
yet harsh in judging others;
how swift we are to take for gain,
yet slow to give for others;
how proud we are of our success,
yet grudging in our praise of others.
Remember, O God,
your tender care and love unfailing.
Do not remember our sins and offences,
but remember us in your goodness,
in accordance with your endless mercy.
In Jesus' name we pray. 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 – Rev. Scott Parsons

HYMN VU #713: I See a New Heaven (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

REFRAIN: I see a new heaven.

I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

- 1 There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. R
- 2 There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain. R
- 4 There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land.

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

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Eternal God,

**In the reading of scripture, may your Word be heard;
In the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
In the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17 - 25

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

Reader: Rev. Scott Parsons

***RESPONSIVE PSALM 84**

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

**2 My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

**3 Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.**

**4 Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.**

**5 Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.^[a]**

**6 As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

**7 They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**

**8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

**9 Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.**

**10 For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

**11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.**

**No good thing does the LORD withhold
from those who walk uprightly.**

**12 O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:32 – 12:2

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: “Headin to the Promised Land”

SERMON:

Reflective Music

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 705: For All the Saints vs. 1, 2, & 6

1 For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

2 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might:
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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 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

- 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.

TELY 10 ROAD RACE: Please be advised that the Tely 10 Road Race will take place **Sunday, October 31, from 8AM to 11AM**, so you may need to plan for alternate parking and routes to/from church. The City of St. John's has issued a traffic advisory which can be found on their website, <http://www.stjohns.ca/public-advisory/road-closures-parking-restrictions-tely-10-road-race-0>. For further information, contact Access St. John's by calling 311 or 754-CITY (2489), via the app 311 St. John's, or the [online web submission](#).

Hygiene Drive for SHOP: The Young Adults Group of Cowan Heights United Church is gathering hygiene products for the Safe Harbour Outreach Project (SHOP). **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!

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.

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.

- 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!

ENGAGE WITH LOVE & JUSTICE: We invite the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council, Regional Council 15, Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council to participate in an **online gathering November 3-7** to celebrate the Love and Justice Ministries of The United Church of Canada. The United Church of Canada's Church in Mission Unit is planning an online gathering to worship, build community and learn together. The event will use the *Whova* online event platform accessible by desktop, laptop, or mobile device.

Click Here: [**REGISTER NOW!**](#)

Click here to view the schedule: <http://edge-ucc.ca/engage-love-and-justice/>
For additional information, contact edge@united-church.ca

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 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/>

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.

SPIRIT SONG FESTIVAL is a celebration of Indigenous Arts and Culture that has been running annually in St. John's since 2013. Now in its 9th season, Spirit Song has grown into a multi-day event which boasts world class performances, traditional and contemporary knowledge sharing events as well as artist in residence series. The festival is enjoyed by Indigenous and non-Indigenous audiences alike. Below is just a few of the events taking place from November 18–22.

Thursday, NOV 18	7:30pm–9:00pm	Songs & Stories of Justice, 81 Cochrane Street
Friday, NOV 19	7:30pm–9:00pm	Music Showcase, 81 Cochrane Street

Register Here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/first-light-34257853005>

INVITATION RESEARCH PROJECT

Forgotten Lives – The Experiences of Trans Older Adults with

Dementia: If you are over the age of 18 and have been providing regular care/support for a trans or nonbinary person who has Alzheimer's or dementia (mild or advanced), we would like to meet with you as part of a project exploring the lived experience of trans people with dementia and their carers. To participate or for more information, please contact trans.dementia.project@gmail.com.

- Meetings will be scheduled by video conference at a time of your choice
- Participation compensated by a \$25 gift card
- Up to \$120 of respite funds available to facilitate the interview, if needed
- Project co-led by a transgender person and a cisgender person using a trans-affirmative perspective

If you are over the age of 50 and living with Alzheimer's or dementia and identifying as trans (transsexual, transgender, nonbinary, etc.), we would like to meet with you as part of a project exploring the lived experience of trans people with dementia and their carers. To participate or for more information, please contact trans.dementia.project@gmail.com.

- Two meetings will be scheduled by videoconference at a time of your choice
- Participation compensated by a \$25 gift card
- Project co-led by a transgender person and a cisgender person using a trans-affirmative perspective

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/>.

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of Joan Fuller,
From United Church Women*

*In Loving Memory of Bea Pope, From
Mary Barrett
Eric Hodder
Heather & Harold Sinyard*

*In Grateful Memory of Beatrice Pope,
From Henrietta & Fraser Ellis*

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

November 3-7, 1930: “A Convention: Religious Education for all Sunday School Workers” was held in St. John’s. On the Thursday evening the meeting for teenage youth was held at Cochrane Street. There were two addresses: “The teenage girl and the international convention” by Marjorie Thompson, and “The boy and the church” by Mr. A B Butt. The Newfoundland Girls in Training [later CGIT] group presented a pageant.