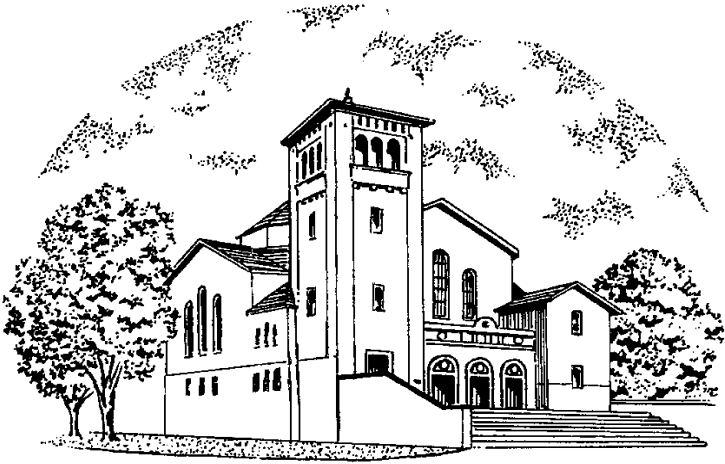


Cochrane Street United Church

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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 SEPTEMBER

Keith Bowden, John Bowden, Eldred Butt,
Harold Grandy, David Boone

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET SEPTEMBER 7 – SEPTEMBER 13

Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance
Wednesday: 12:15 PM Prayer Group
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

OFFICE

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

***INTROIT: VU 951 Santo, Santo, Santo**

***WELCOME AND 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: MV #14 Where Two or Three are Gathered

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.

We have come to this place in need for healing and hope.

Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.

We come here seeking guidance and strength.

Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.

Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to comprehend your word and follow you faithfully.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

O God, as a gentle rain soaks the earth,

may your peace and love fall upon us,

bringing growth and life.

Soak into our innermost being.

Quiet all that makes us anxious.

Help us to linger in your presence,

and send us out refreshed, to carry your peace to others. Amen.

***HYMN VU #406: See the Morning Sun Ascending**

1. See the morning sun ascending,
radiant in the eastern sky;
hear the angel voices blending
in their praise to God on high!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Glory be to God on high!
2. So may we, in lowly station,
join the choristers above;
singing with the whole creation,
praising you for your great love.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Glory be to God above!
3. For your loving-kindness ever
shed upon our earthly way;
or your mercy, ceasing never,
for your blessing day by day:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Glory be to God always!
4. 'Wisdom, honour, power, and blessing!'
with the angelic host we cry;
round your throne, your name confessing,
now we would to you draw nigh.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God,

**You gifted this world and made us stewards of it,
gave us family from many lands and asked us to care for them,
put your word upon our heart and asked that we share it.**

**But we have thought only of ourselves
and the blessings of our lives.**

Forgive our selfishness, enlarge our vision and

**enable us to be faithful bearers of hope, life and love to the world.
This we ask in the name of Jesus, our certain hope. 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

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 VU #303: For Beauty of the Prairies vs. 1**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION VU #377 vs 1: Holy Spirit Hear Us

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:8 - 14

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

Reader:

RESPONSIVE PSALM 119:33 – 40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

**³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it. **R**

³⁶ **Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.

³⁸ **Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.

⁴⁰ **See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life. R.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18: 15 - 20

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

SERMON:

Reflective Music

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Because there is one bread,
we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.

In Christ, God breaks down the walls
that make us strangers to ourselves,
and divide us from one another.

We are the body of Christ.

At this table we bear witness to our faith.

**At this table, God brings wholeness
out of brokenness,
and healing to our world.**

Let us break bread together.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God, Source of all,
we thank and praise you with our lips and with our lives,
that, having created us and all things through your Word,
you welcome our prayer and praise.

For the goodness of creation
and the glory of redemption,
we praise you.

For the law of holiness, inviting our obedience,
and the call of prophets, rebuking our disobedience,
we praise you.

Therefore, with all that is, seen and unseen,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
we join in this hymn of praise and thanksgiving:

**Holy, holy, holy God,
power of life and love!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna through the ages!
Blest is the One who comes
to bring your justice to earth!**

Loving God, Holy One, Holy Three
we offer you praise and thanksgiving over this bread and cup,
because in Jesus Christ, your only Son,
you have joined yourself forever to us,
uniting heaven and earth.

Now, therefore, we gratefully remember:
Jesus' birth into our humanity,

baptism for our sin,
compassion for our suffering,
intimacy with our frailty,
rebuke of our pride,
bearing of the cross with its death,
and rising from the tomb by the power of God.

On the night before he died,
it was Jesus who took a loaf of bread,
gave you thanks, broke it, and said,
“Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me.”
Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying,
“This is the new covenant; remember me.”

**Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Loving God, creative Power,
blessing your name, we seek your Spirit.
Come to us and bless these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ;
the sign and seal of our forgiveness in him,
and our adoption as the children of God.
As we eat and drink together,
make us one with Christ and one in Christ,
a sign of his eternal reign in all the world.

This sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
we offer you, loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

Prayer after Communion:

**We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness;
that wine poured out replenishes;
that time spent with the Risen Christ
and one another is gift and grace.
Amen**

***HYMN 691: Though Ancient Walls, vs. 1,2, 4,5**

1. Though ancient walls may still stand proud
and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
proclaim God's saving act!

Refrain:

Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!

2. When vested power stands firm entrenched
and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side,
it's Gospel that we lack. R

4. The church divided seeks that grace,
that newness we proclaim;
a unity of serving love
that lives praise to God's name! R

- 5 This broken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity.
God's people by God's Word renewed,
cast off all slavery! R

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

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POSTLUDE