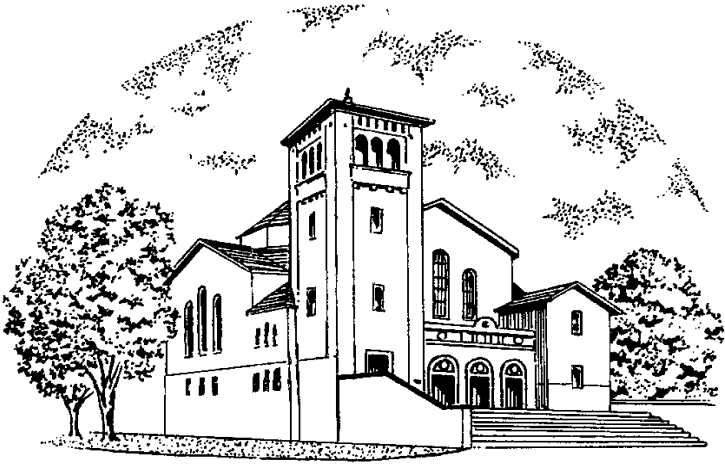


Cochrane Street United Church

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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 14 – SEPTEMBER 20

Thursday: 10:00 AM ZOOM Prayer Group

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**

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: MV #14 Where Two or Three are Gathered

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

God's love is extravagant!

**God pours out God's love as a cleansing lotion
for our weary souls.**

God's love is healing!

God's healing balm soothes and comforts us.

God's love is generous!

**God continually reaches out for us and helps us
throughout all our lives.**

Thanks be to God for such extravagant, healing, generous love.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Creator of all things,

Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End.

Whose love poured out mends broken hearts.

Whose wounded hands reach out to all.

Whose Spirit waits to enter in.

You are the everything that we desire.

Be with us now.

**Bless us that we might be
a blessing to others. Amen.**

***HYMN: VU #326: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing vs. 1-3, 5**

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.

2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

3. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken-hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

5. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of justice and righteousness,
your call beckons to us:**

to live faithful lives,

to walk in your ways;

yet it is so easy to turn aside:

to speak a thoughtless word,

to ignore those in need,

to forget your ways.

Forgive us.

Implant your word in our hearts

that we might faithfully serve you. 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:

**Holy God,
You speak to us in many ways,
through rushing wind or still small voice,
in Scripture's Word and through your Grace.
Help us hear your voice above the clamour of this world,
recognize the difference and follow only you. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 51:15 - 21

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Refrain: Come, bless God, O my soul, and never forget all God's blessings.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good as long as you live

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. R

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will He keep His anger for ever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is His steadfast love towards those who fear Him;**

as far as the east is from the west,

so far He removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,

so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him. R.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21 - 35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Spiritual Practice: Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is an ancient spiritual practice developed by St. Ignatius of Loyol founder of the Jesuits.

First Reading:

Reflection Question: Listen with the ear of the heart. Notice if any phrase, sentence or word stands out and gently begin to repeat it to yourself, allowing it to touch you deeply.

Silence

Second Reading:

Reflection Question: What might God be saying to you in this word or phrase? What are the thoughts, feelings and reflections that arise in you?

Silence

Third Reading

Reflection Question: How might God be calling you to act through this word or phrase?

Silence

Centering Music: VU #377 vs 1: Holy Spirit Hear Us

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 # 581: When We Are Living**

1. When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.

Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

2. Through all our living, we our fruits must give.

Good works of service are for offering.

When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

3. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,

we belong to God, we belong to God.

4. Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God, we belong to God.

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

SUNG BENEDICTION MV #220: Hope Shines as the Solitary Star

POSTLUDE

Please take your bulletins with you when you leave the pew.