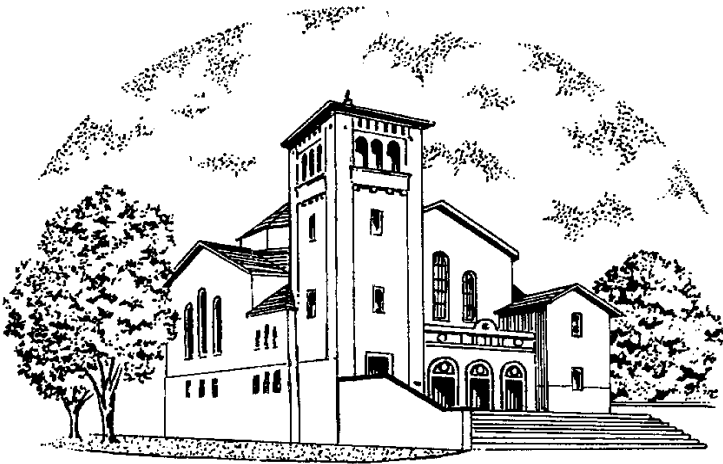


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Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

Whether you are here for the first time or this is your church home – welcome to our community of faith.

USHERING TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER

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

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET SEPTEMBER 21 – SEPTEMBER 27

Thursday: 10:00 AM ZOOM Prayer Group

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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:**

In the parks, in the streets,

in the busyness of daily living, we encounter Christ

and our lives are changed.

At home, with family and friends, or on our own, we encounter Christ

and our lives are changed.

In unexpected places,

in moments of joy, and in times of sadness, we encounter Christ

and our lives are changed.

Come, let us worship the One who changes lives.

Come, let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Creator God,

forgive our moments of ingratitude

the spiritual blindness that prevents us

from appreciating the wonder that is this world

the endless cycle of nature

of life and death and rebirth.

**Forgive us for taking without giving
reaping without sowing.
Open our eyes to see
our lips to praise
and our hands to share.
May our feet tread lightly on the path
and our footsteps be worthy of following
for they lead to you.
In Jesus' name. Amen**

***HYMN # VU 242: Let All Things Now Living**

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.
2. By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Come to us, God, like fresh water,
softening the soil of a parched and weary land.
We confess
that hurts and disappointments harden our hearts,
frustration and failures dry us out,
Come to us, God with life-giving power.
Free us from resentment, reluctance and reserve.
Remind us that in your forgiveness we are free.
Forgiven, may we be forgiving,
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

Marking the Return from Sabbatical

Commitment for Return:

Do you, Rev. Miriam, promise to use the skills you've gained
in your sabbatical time to for the work and ministry in Cochrane
Street United Church, and the world?

I do, God being my helper.

Commitment of the Congregation:

Do you, the members and friends of Cochrane Street United Church,
promise to support Rev. Miriam in our ministry together?

We do, God being our helper.

HYMN: A HYMN by Heather McMaster (to the tune of VU #606)

So here we are back home again
with family and friends.

Our state of solitude has passed;
Our isolation ends.

Our wilderness experience
from all that we have known
has tried and tested all of us
then brought us safely home.

Our thoughts and prayers have been heartfelt
for those around the globe.
Through fear and pain we've journeyed on
this travel weary road.

And here at last we come again
to share this sacred time -
the rainbow promise of new hope
will always be our sign.

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 Spirit,

Open our hearts to the story of your love.

Open our minds to new ways of knowing you.

Open our doors to all whom you would welcome. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:2 - 15

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 105

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.**

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1 - 16

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

CENTERING HYMN VU #595: We Are Pilgrims vs. 1, 2, & 6

1. We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
2. Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
6. Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

SERMON:

Reflective Music

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 VU #333: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling vs. 1 & 3**

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
3. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;

let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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 #222: May the Peace of God Be Your Peace

POSTLUDE

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

**We acknowledge with thanks donations to the
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