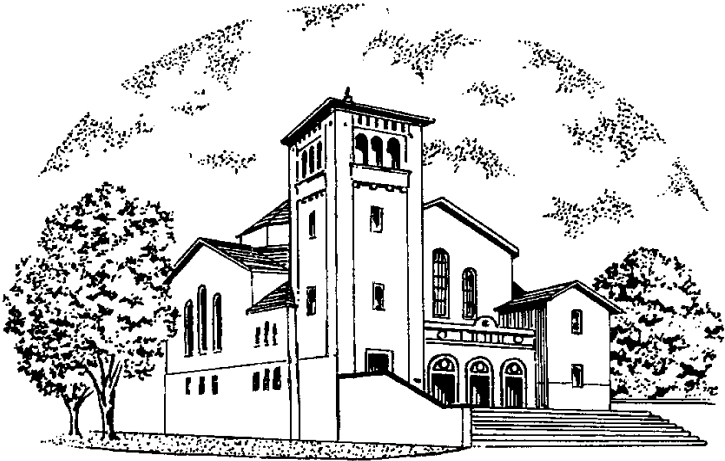


# Cochrane Street United Church

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## SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Orange Shirt Day

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# Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

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

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## USHERING TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER

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

## THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 4

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**

## **\*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.

## **\*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:**

Be still, and know that God is.

**Before creation began, God was.**

And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

**From everlasting to everlasting,**

**God is God, who alone is worthy to be worshipped.**

Let us sing praise to our God

**\*PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**God, you touch our lives  
with mystery and hope.  
We come to this place today,  
ready to see your power working through us.  
Help us to be open to your Word,  
and to answer your call among us.  
In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**\*HYMN MV #30: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker (vs. 1 & 4)**

1. It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
the thrush sings high in the tree.  
It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
The gray whale sings in the sea,

*Refrain*

And by the Spirit  
you and I can join our voice to the holy cry  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

4. It's the chorus of all creation;  
it's sung by all living things.  
It's the chorus of all creation;  
a song the universe sings,

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace  
to grow more and more in your likeness and image. 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**

***Stolen Words* by Melanie Florence**

### **HYMN MV #78: God Weeps (vs. 1 & 4)**

1. God weeps at love withheld,  
at strength misused,  
at children's innocence abused,  
and till we change the way we love, God weeps.
  
4. God waits for stones to melt,  
for peace to seed,  
for hearts to hold each other's need,  
and till we understand the Christ, God waits.

## **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](mailto: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**

**Exodus 17:1 - 7**

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

**RESPONSIVE PSALM 25:1 – 9**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust;**

**do not let me be put to shame;**

**do not let my enemies exult over me.**

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

**Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

**Good and upright is the Lord;**

**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Matthew 21:23 -32**

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

**CENTERING HYMN MV #98: Like a River of Tears (vs. 1 & 3)**

1. Like a river of tears your love pours upon us;  
like a sunshine of blessing your grace will sustain us;  
like a star-studded sky your spirit shines o'er us,  
renewing our spirits with courage and faith.
3. Like a pillar of cloud you promise to guide us;  
like a bright fiery bush you come to speak to us;  
like a calm cooling breeze your spirit breathes in us,  
renewing our spirits with loving embrace.

## SERMON:

Solo: MV #74 When Painful Mem'ries

*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 # 288: Great Is Thy Faithfulness (vs. 1 & 2)

1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. 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**

**SUNG BENEDICTION MV #222: May the Peace of God be Your Peace**

## **POSTLUDE**

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