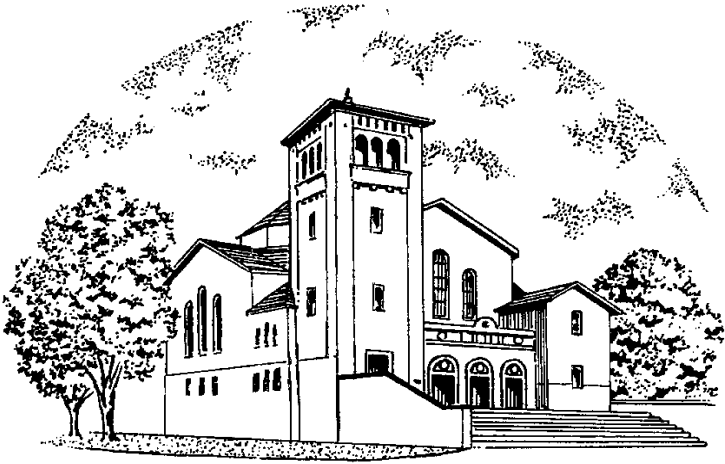


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Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

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

USHERING TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER

Jalna McMaster, Fraser Ellis, Jo Anne Kelly, David Molyneux

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET SEPTEMBER 13 – SEPTEMBER 19

Sunday: 11:00 AM Worship at Cochrane
Sunday: 12:00 PM Congregation Information Session

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
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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 299: Teach Me God to Wonder vs. 1

1 Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.

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 307: Touch the Earth Lightly vs. 4

4 God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.

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 #574: Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love vs. 1 & 2

1 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true,
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

2 Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame,
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

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

HYMN VU 222: Come, Let Us Sing vs. 1 & 4

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.

4 Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.

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 542: We Give You But Your Own

We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.

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

SOLO: Lia Dumeresque

SERMON:

Reflective Music

HYMN VU # 459: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face vs. 1 & 3

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for me spread;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the fellowship of living wine and bread.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

In the name of the One who said,
“I am the bread of life,”

I invite you to come and eat.

In the name of the One who said,
“I am the true vine,”

I invite you to come and drink.

In the name of the One who said,
“Love one another as I have loved you,”

I invite you to the table of Jesus Christ.

This is the table of the risen Christ

**In this feast, gleams the promise of the earth
and glory of all creation.**

In this feast, comes the Christ
Saviour and Friend to all.

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.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
Before all that is, You were God.
Outside all we know, You are God.
After all is finished, You will be God.
Archangels sound the trumpets,
Angels teach us their songs,
Saints pull us into your presence.

And this is our song:

Holy, holy, holy God
our life, our mercy, our might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Save us, we pray, you beyond all.
Blest is he who comes in your name.
Save us, we pray, you beyond all.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
You beyond the galaxies,
You under the oceans
You inside the leaves,
You pouring down rain,
You opening the flowers,
You feeding the insects,
You giving us your image,
You arcing us through the waters,
You holding us in the night,
Your smile on Sarah and Abraham,
Your hand with Moses and Miriam,
Your worlds through Deborah and Isaiah,
You giving us Jesus
Who lived among us,
Healing, teaching, dying rising
Inviting us all to the feast.

On the night Jesus was betrayed,
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying,
“Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

And again after supper he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying:
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and all your people
For the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

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

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on this meal.
Enliven this bread,
Awaken this body,
Pour us out for each other
Open our minds,
Ignite your church,
Nourish the life of the earth.
Make us, while many, one.
Make us, though broken, whole,
Makes us, despite death, alive.

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.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
We praise you now and forever.
Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most Holy.

Amen

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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

The bread we break

Is our sharing in the life of Christ.

The cup for which we give thanks

Is our sharing in the life of Christ.

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**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

HYMN # 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 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 VU 422: God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again vs. 1

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 12: Communion Sunday

September 19: The Path Forward Information Session
(immediately after worship service)

September 21 ZOOM CSUC Council Meeting, 7pm

September 26: United Communities of Faith Picnic (TENTATIVE)

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.

Next Meeting of Church Council is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2021. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Stephen Jewczyk Council Chair at sjewczyk@gmail.com.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH PICNIC: Plans are in place to hold a joint UCOF church picnic at Rotary Sunshine Park on Sunday, September 26, 2021. The Picnic Coordinating Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with the event. In particular, volunteers are needed for games and assisting in cooking and/or serving. If you can assist, please contact Bill Evan's at billevans3237@gmail.com.

Envelopes: Do you need envelopes? If so, please contact Harold Grandy at hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca.

RECYCLABLES: Drop off your recyclables at any Green Depot and use the Cochrane Street Code (our phone number) 7223023. Your empty containers will support the ministries of our congregation! Don't forget to drop off your eligible tetra or gable containers and glass containers (including beer & wine bottles) for a refund. Thank you in advance for your help. For more information, check out this website: <https://www.greencan.ca/?page=start>

Burry Heights Day: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Burry Heights Day is cancelled for 2021. Hoping that things will work better for next year.

THE PATH FORWARD INFORMATION SESSION: On September 19, immediately after Worship Service, the Church Council wishes to begin a conversation about the path forward for the congregation. Over the past year, the Council has been monitoring the many aspects of our church life, including our ministries, finances, volunteering, and activities. It is the Council's view that we are at a critical juncture and we need to have a conversation about how we intend to move forward as a congregation. The Council views this journey as a number of conversations which will most likely result in a congregational meeting to make decisions on how we should proceed. Council looks forward to your participation in this conversation.

Guaranteed Livable Income -- Help Make it An Election Issue

Write a letter or make a phone call as a member of The United Church of Canada (or as a concerned citizen) to All Candidates seeking Election in your district. Highlight that GLI is a campaign of The United Church of Canada (UCC), together with numerous organizations and individuals across Canada, including politicians and senators in all political parties. Ask the question (and request a reply): Will you and your party implement a Guaranteed Livable Income for all? Sign a Petition through <https://www.basicincomenow.ca/>, joining with thousands across Canada. You can read more about the UCC's work on a Guaranteed Livable Income here: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/create-guaranteed-livable-income-program>.

Stand Up for Palestinian Children's Rights Vigil: Join us on September 17, at 1:00pm, at the Sanctuary Entrance to Gower Street United Church. The United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel asks that the Canadian government appoint a special envoy to investigate what is happening to Palestinian children, including their arrest by armed soldiers in the middle of the night. If you cannot join us at the vigil, the UNJPPI is soliciting a letter a month from people across Canada to Minister Marc Garneau, and their own MP focused on the appointment of a special envoy. You can participate by signing up at this link (<http://eepurl.com/htSZpb>) and we will send you a template letter you can adapt.

RUN, WALK, STROLL, AND ROLL IS POSTPONED: Due to an abundance of caution based on the weather forecast for the upcoming weekend, Easter Seals NL has decided to postpone this event **until Sunday, September 19**. It will take place from 10AM to 1PM as planned, at Bowring Park on this date. For more information and to register for the event, please visit <https://easterseals.akaraisin.com/ui/runwalkstrollroll2021>. If you have any questions, please contact our Fund Development and Communications Coordinator, Laura Douglas at 754-1399 ext. 234 or laura@eastersealsnl.ca.

VOWR Needs Your Help! VOWR is an all-volunteer church operated radio station, supported by public donations, that has been broadcasting since 1924. On August 21 a severe storm destroyed the station's transmitter at its Mount Scio facility. Early estimates of the cost to replace the transmitter are in the \$100,000 range. Needless to say this far exceeds the amount VOWR has budgeted for maintenance and repairs.

VOWR is asking for your help to allow repairs or replacement of the damaged transmitter. All donations would be greatly appreciated. Tax receipts will be provided. Donations can be made in several ways:

By e-transfer to manager@vowr.org

By surface mail to VOWR 800, P. O. Box 26006, St. John's, NL A1E 0A5

Via the Website WWW.VOWR.ORG

Mail Slot Deposit in the secure drop box in the studio door on Patrick St.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Board of Stewards, Jan 27, 1933: "Ladies of the Women's Association had formed a committee of visitors, which had already discovered and helped to relieve cases of need."

League for Social Services, March 22, 1939: "Miss [Stella] Burry reported on the fundraising campaign."