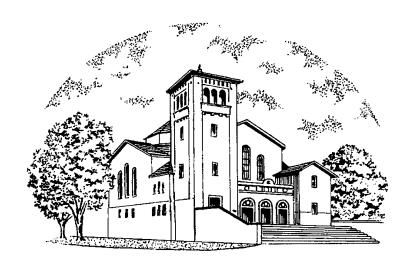
Cochrane Street United Church

81 Cochrane Street ◆ St. John's, NL ◆ A1C 3L7



September 22, 2019 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

Ian McMaster, Blair Bradbury, Gerry Penney, Bill Squires

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET SEPTEMBER 23 – SEPTEMBER 29

Tuesday: 12:30 PM YOGA Cochrane Street Entrance

Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance

Sunday: 12:00 PM Congregation Info Session Sanctuary

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesday 10:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Wednesday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND FUNERALS

While Rev. Miriam is on sabbatical, Rev. Bruce Kearley will be covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals.

You can reach him at (709) 739-9025

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

Worship Leader: Lloyd Brown

PRELUDE:

*INTROIT: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker (vs. 2) #30MV
It's a call of life to the Giver when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver when high tides break on the shore,
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

*WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

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: God of Still Waiting

#20MV

God of still waiting, God of deep longing, God of the heart's true rest: hold us in fathomless peace, guard us with un-waning love.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, all that lives upon it.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Thanks be to God.

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

*PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Singing God.

Sculpting God, you give galaxies their form, shape granite mountains, and design butterfly wings. Dancing God, you choreograph the paths of stars and the flight of snow geese. your divine song is sung by sparrows, mountain streams, and the rushing winds.
Wonderful God,
we rejoice to be a part of the divine world
which you love and sustain. Amen.

*HYMN: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD #236VU

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of love and of grace, you know the secrets of our hearts: how blind we are to our own faults, yet harsh in judging others; how swift we are to take for gain, yet slow to give for others; how proud we are of our success, yet grudging in our praise of others. Forgive us, O God, through your tender care and unfailing love. Grant to us your goodness, in accordance with your endless mercy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

No matter where we are, God is there. No matter what we have done or have not done, God forgives. No matter what, God will always love us. God is full of unconditional and unending love.

We are a forgiven and loved people.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN: COME IN, COME IN AND SIT DOWN #395VU

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

*OFFERTORY HYMN Grateful #182MV

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son, joyful in your Spirit flowing, over all, O God of Love.

Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word, joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Gracious God,

Accept all that we offer to you today.

Bless our gifts of time and talent,

as well as our gifts of money.

May they all be used for the building up of your Kingdom.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Loving God,

you speak to us in so many ways:

in the song of a bird,

in the babbling of a brook,

in the voices of our friends,

in the hug from friends and family,

in the songs we sing,

and in the stories of the Bible.

Speak to us now through the reading of scripture.

Help us to hear your voice and follow the way of Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: EXODUS 3:1-5

The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.

Reader: Jean Brown

RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 46 (pg. 770VU)

Reader: Jean Brown

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 10:38-42

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

ANTHEM: Surely The Presence of the Lord Is In This Place

SERMON: The Church and I, and the Ties that Bind

*HYMN: JUST AS I AM #508VU

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.

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

CHORAL BENEDICTION: Walk With Me (vs. 4) #649VU

Walk with me, I will walk with you

and build the land that God has planned

where love shines through.

And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new, the witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you.

Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that God has planned where love shines through.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE! A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. <u>Thank you</u> for helping create an environment in which we can all fully participate.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, September 22 - Congregation Information Session

(Immediately After Worship Service in Sanctuary)

Sunday, September 29 - Congregational Pot Luck Lunch

(After Worship Service)

Sunday October 20 - United Community of Faith JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

First United Mount Pearl, 7:00PM

Monday October 21 - Fundraising Chef's Dinner

Sunday, November 10 - Fundraising Concert, Cochrane Street UC

Announcements: If you wish to have an announcement included in the bulletin, please have it into the office by Wednesday at noon.

* CONGREGATION INFORMATION SESSION – Sunday September 22: Council will be holding a Congregation Information Session to provide an overview of the plans in place while Rev. Miriam Bowlby is on leave from the church. There will also be an update on the financial situation of the congregation.

* POT LUCK LUNCH - Sunday September 29, 2019

MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE (September/October)

SEP 22 – Lloyd Brown OCT 13 – Oliver Dingwell SEP 29 – Rev. Roger Janes OCT 20 – Katie Vardy

OCT 06 – Rev. Heather Sandford OCT 27 – Frances McNiven (reflection)

Worldwide Communion Sunday OCT 27 – Stephen Jewczyk (leading

service)

Choir Rehearsal is on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. New members are welcome! We meet every Tuesday as well as Sundays at 10am in the Sanctuary. Looking forward to another fabulous year!

LOOKING FOR Sunday School Volunteers: Council is inviting congregation members to volunteer as Sunday School Coordinator and as teachers. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these positions, please contact the Church Office at info@cochranestreetuc.com or 722-3023 or Stephen Jewczyk, Congregation Chair, at sjewczyk@gmail.com.

YOUTH FORUM-NOVEMBER 8, 9 AND 10: A Region wide Youth Forum is being planned for November 8, 9 and 10 at First United in Mount Pearl for youth in Grades 9 to 12. As more information becomes available, we will share the information with the congregation.

YOGA Flow Registration now open! To register for the Tuesday 12:30pm Yoga Flow, please click here: https://sites.google.com/site/karmafitnessyoga/yoga-flow-registration-cochrane-st-church. It's for 6 weeks from September 17 to October 22 at Cochrane Street Church, 81 Cochrane Street. Cost is \$39.50 (includes HST & \$5 Cochrane Centre Facility Fee).

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

Stuff the New Shelves for Bridges to Hope! We are going to fill our shelving, generously donated to Cochrane Street United Church, full of the most helpful items: tinnned milk, canned beans, canned meat, juice boxes or one liter of juice, cereal, Kraft Dinner, pasta, and pasta sauce. Bring your items to church on Sunday. Thank you for your support.

Art Hive is providing off loom weaving Sundays from 12:30pm – 4:00pm in Cochrane Centre's small meeting room. All materials available and at no cost. For further information, email hearthstonestudios@gmail.com.

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! Can't get your recyclables to the depot? **Call the church office and we will arrange to pick them up**. Thank you in advance for your help.

SPIRIT OF NEWFOUNDLAND PRODUCTIONS presents *Over The Narrows And Into History* **Thursday**, **October 3**, **6:00pm**, \$80 per person. Enjoy an evening of laughs and a three course meal, and <u>help us feed our neighbours at Bridges to Hope Food Aid Centre</u>. We will also host a 50/50 draw with proceeds going to purchase food for our pantry. Learn more about this exciting event and reserve your ticket at bridgestohope.ca/spiritofnl.

PROJECT GRACE is now accepting registration for our After School Music Program for children in grades 1 through 12. Lessons are offered in violin, cello, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, piano, percussion and ukulele. Please visit www.projectgrace.ca to learn more & to sign up!

Music Lessons for Grown Ups will be happening at Project Grace again this fall on Tuesday evenings, Sept 17 - Nov 7, from 7:30-8:30pm. The cost is \$120 per person. Lessons will take place at The Bethany Center, 10 Paton Street. Registration is now open online: www.projectgrace.ca

The Alzheimer Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is hosting a Lunch. & Learn webinar on September 26! Join us 12:30-1:30PM to get details on our First Link program, including how to become a referring partner. Free and open to the public. If you are interested in being registered, please email your name and email address to firstlink@alzheimernl.ca or give us a call at (709) 576-0608 or.

Sunday, September 22, noon -2pm at St. James UC, 330 Elizabeth Avenue: St. James' Third Annual Diversity Fair in the Auditorium. Learn about groups working to make St. John's a more inclusive and just community. Refreshments will be served.

SING TOGETHER! HYMN FESTIVAL: Join us Sunday, **October 6, at 3 pm** for an hour of singing and hearing stories of hymns that explore and enliven the Christian faith. **FREE**. All are welcome. T. Wes Moore of Pollocksville Presbyterian Church (North Carolina, USA) will lead. For more information about **Sing Together!** events (workshops and church service), see http://www.singingnetwork.ca/sing-together/. St. Thomas' Anglican Church, 8 Military Road, St. John's.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Minutes of Session, April 2, 1929:

It was decided that "the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be held on Easter Sunday at 6 AM for the City nurses and at 9 AM for the congregation".