

Cochrane Street United Church

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



September 15, 2019

The Fourteenth 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 16 – SEPTEMBER 22

Tuesday:	12:30 PM	YOGA Cochrane Street Entrance
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Men's Service Club Bannerman Entrance
Wednesday:	6:00 PM	CSUC Council Mtg Stephen's Place
Sunday:	10:00 AM	Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance

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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709-754-2532 or info@cochranecentre.ca

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: Karen Critch

PRELUDE:

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

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,
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:**

This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

**This is the place where the prophets cry out
for peace and justice and righteousness.**

It is the place where God reaches down

**into the corners of our lives,
to offer us the mystery of holy love.**

This is no ordinary gathering.

This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Glorious God,

We come together as your people.

We come as a praising people,

singing your goodness;

we come as a praying people,

bringing our needs, our joys;

we come as a listening people,

opening to your Word.
Fill us with your love
and empower us for faithful living.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN:**

O WORSHIP THE KING

#235VU

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

From self-righteousness that will not compromise,
and from selfishness
that gains from the manipulation of others,
deliver us, O God.

From the lust for money or power that drives to kill,
deliver us, O God.

From the arrogance and thoughtlessness
that abuses your good creation,
deliver us, O God.

From trusting in the weapons of war,
and mistrusting the councils of peace,
deliver us, O God.

From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other people,
deliver us, O God.

From suspicions and fears
that stand in the way of reconciliation,
deliver us, O God.

From words and deeds that encourage discord,
perpetuate racist assumptions,
sexist stereotypes, and classist attitudes;
from everything that contributes to oppression,
deliver us, O God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Take comfort in the assurance
that even those things that are hidden from memory,
or are too deep for our words,
are not beyond God's forgiving love.
God, who knows us completely,
bestows pardon and peace.
We are a forgiven and loved people.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN:**

JESUS LOVES ME

#365VU

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:

O God, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: JEREMIAH 4:11-12, 22-28

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Reader: Reg Caughie

RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 14 (pg. 735VU)

Reader: Charlotte Jewczyk

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 15:1-10

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Let Your Light Shine, *arr. by Kirby Shaw*

SERMON: Devastation...but not completely

***HYMN: I HAVE CALLED YOU BY YOUR NAME**

#161MV

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 in 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: I FEEL THE WINDS OF GOD TODAY #625VU

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| Sunday, September 15 | – | Sunday School Commences |
| Sunday, September 15 | – | Joint Church Picnic Rotary Sunshine Park (2 – 6pm)
RAIN VENUE: St. James UC, 330 Elizabeth Ave |
| Sunday, September 22 | – | Congregation Information Session
(Immediately After Worship Service in Sanctuary) |
| Sunday, September 29 | – | Congregational Pot Luck Lunch
(After Worship Service) |
| Sunday, October 27 | – | Fundraising Concert, Cochrane Street UC |

NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE!

A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products (coughing, headaches, difficulty breathing, etc). Thank you for helping create an environment in which we can all fully participate.

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

From Rev. Miriam: I'm not sure that Thank You is a big enough word to express how much I appreciated your send off. It was filled with love, prayers and good wishes. My MBA survival kit is amazing!! I appreciate so very much the school supplies, the candy, the gift cards, inspirational books, relaxation supplies and most of all the wonderful messages. I will hold you all in my prayers as you continue on your journey. Miriam

UNITED COMMUNITIES OF FAITH PICNIC: Sunshine Camp on Thorburn Road has been booked for September 15 from 2–6pm. The **back-up venue if it rains is St. James United Church**. We are anticipating a large crowd so don't be left out of the games, entertainment and activities for all ages.

CSUC Men's Service Club: The September meeting of the Men's Service Club will be held at Cochrane Centre on **Tuesday, September 17, 6.30pm**. All men are welcome to attend and enjoy an evening of good food, great fellowship, and fun. This meeting will also involve an election of officers for the coming year. For more details and to confirm your attendance, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING is **September 18, 6:00pm**, at Stephen Jewczyk's place. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Council Chair at sjewczyk@gmail.com.

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. The session will also update the congregation on the financial situation of the congregation.

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.

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

YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL is inviting volunteers from the congregation to be part of the Local Arrangement Committee for the 2020 Regional Conference which is being hosted by Cochrane Street United Church. The Regional Conference is being held May 29-31, 2020. Over the coming months leading up to the conference, the Local Arrangement Committee will be working with the Regional Council planning committee for this event. First joint meeting is scheduled for September.

If you are interested in volunteering for this committee, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com or Stephen Jewczyk, Congregation Chair, at sjewczyk@gmail.com.

YOGA Flow Registration now open! To register for the **Tuesday 12:30pm** Yoga Flow, please click here: <https://sites.google.com/site/karmafitnessyoga/yoga-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).

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 [help us feed our neighbours at Bridges to Hope Food Aid Centre](#). 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.

EASTERN HEALTH's Pastoral Care, Ethics & Bereavement Services Department invites people grieving the loss of a loved one to join an 8-week Bereavement Information & Support Group. [The 1st group](#) meets at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital, beginning **September 16**. Sessions are held Monday evenings from 7–9pm. [The 2nd group](#) meets at Health Sciences Centre, beginning **September 19**. Sessions are held Thursday afternoons 1:30–3:30pm. For more details or to register, please contact the Pastoral Care Office at 777-6959 or Scott Parsons at 777-7611 (Health Sciences) or Jenna King-Poirier at 777-5908 (St. Clare's).

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Minutes of Session, February 10, 1929:

"It was unanimously agreed that there be no smoking allowed in any part of the building."