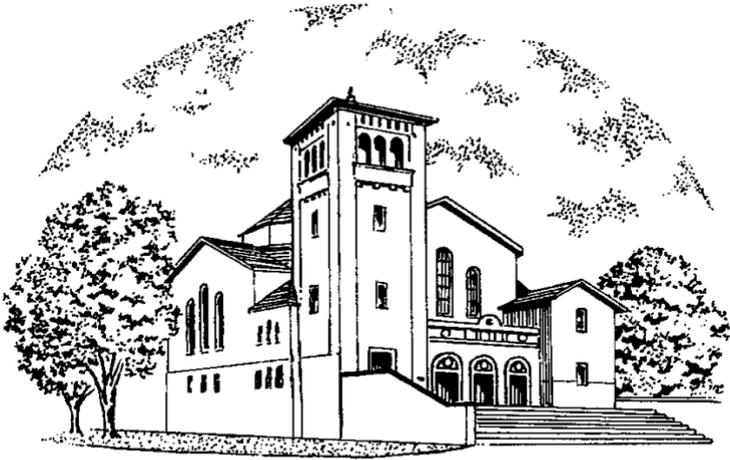


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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*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:

Come, let us praise the living God,

who loved us before we were even born.

Come, let us praise the living God,

who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

Come, let us praise the living God,

whose presence never leaves us,

Come, let us praise the living God,

whose love for us never ceases.

This is our God! Let us worship together!

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Holy God,

Your love flows like a stream

into the ocean of your Grace.

Your love encircles this world,

displays your faithfulness.

Your love is patient and kind,

brings wholeness and true peace.

Your love is all we desire

to heal our brokenness.

As all things pass and fade away

love remains eternally. Amen

HYMN VU 226: For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light, R

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,

for all gentle thoughts and mild, R

- 4 For each perfect gift sublime
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, R

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Love has its source in you, Creator God.
Flows from you like an ocean,
into a world as unyielding as any shoreline cliff.
And like the ocean which batters, erodes,
and wears away even the hardest stone
Your love persists, finds cracks and inlets,
in hardened hearts,
flows inside and works a miracle.
Who would think that water was more
powerful than granite,
love mightier than the hardest heart?
Thank you, Creator God,
for the power of your love. 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 644: I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry vs. 1,2,3,6
& 7**

- 1 I was there to hear your borne cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

- 2 I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.
- 3 When you heard the wonder of the word,
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
- 6 When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.
- 7 I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Brothers and Sisters, we gather now to celebrate the gift of God's grace that is given to us in the Sacrament of Baptism.

We are one body and one spirit.

We have one hope in the risen Christ.

There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism. One God and Creator of us all.

Out of the waters of baptism we rise to new life, forgiven of sin and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.

Presentation

On behalf of the congregation

I present the following person

for initiation into the Body of Christ through Baptism:

**David Damien Lewis Barter
Jonathan Joseph Pearce Strickland**

Profession of Faith

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you promise to resist evil and to live in love and justice?

I do, by the grace of God.

Do you believe in the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit—in God, source of love, in Jesus Christ, love incarnate, and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in the mission and ministry of Christ's Church?

I will, God being my helper.

Vows for the parents:

Will you share with your child the Christian life, and seek to grow with him in faith, hope and love?

I will, God being my helper.

Vows for the Sponsor and Godparents

Do you promise through prayer and example to support and encourage David Damien Lewis & Jonathan Joseph Pearce to be a faithful Christians?

I do.

Vows for the Congregation

Let us pledge our support and care for those being baptized today:

As a baptized and baptizing congregation, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within a community that worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice and resists evil. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

Let us with the whole Church confess our faith:

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,**

**the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, Eternal God,
for you nourish and sustain all living things
by the gift of water.

You led Israel out of slavery,
through the waters of the sea,
into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed are you, O God.

In the waters of the Jordan,
Jesus was baptized by John.
and anointed with your spirit.
By the baptism of his own death and resurrection,
Christ set us free from sin and death.
And opened the way to eternal life.

Blessed are you, O God.

We praise you that in baptism
you give us your Holy Spirit,
who teaches us and leads us into all truth,
filling us with a variety of gifts,

that we might proclaim the gospel
and serve as a royal priesthood.

Blessed are you, O God.

Pour out, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon this water
that this font may become our fount of blessing
and source of grace.

Blessed be the Lord our God, now and forever. Amen.

The Act of Baptism

I present to you, David Damien Lewis and Jonathan Joseph Pearce
a member of the Body of Christ through Baptism.

In God's circle of love, we hold on to each other;
I can see God's love through you.
In God's circle of love, we learn to love each other;
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.

Oh David did you know that you are very special?
You're so special to us all
Oh come if you will to our circle of love.
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.

Oh Jonathan did you know that you are very special?
You're so special to us all
Oh come if you will to our circle of love.
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 68:6 -12, 9:12 - 16

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

SOLO: Mary Antle and Ella Antle

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 635: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

1 All the way my Saviour leads me;
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy
who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
here by faith in him to dwell,
for I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

2 All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see!

3 All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
'Jesus led me all the way!'

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.