

Cochrane Street United Church

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November 5th, 2023 Remembrance Sunday

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Honour Roll

World War I: 1914-1918

George Abbott
Stanley Abbott
Frank Chown
James L. Day
Arthur Driscoll
Ronald Grimes
Arthur Herder
Hubert Herder
Robert King
George Knight
Walter LeGrow
Herbert Luscombe
Alexander Martin

Simeon Morris
Walter Morris
Wilfred Raynes
Carl Reid
E. Clayton Rowsell
John S. Snelgrove
Douglas Snow
E. Frederick Taylor
George Taylor
Richard Taylor
Donald Templeman
Gordon Tizzard
Frank P. Tuff
James Tuff

World War II: 1939-1945

Arthur Brown
Herbert Clarke
Cyril Crummey
Arthur E. Earle
George Elliott
Raymond House
Patrick Joyce
Herbert Lane

Charles Newell
William T. Newell
Warrick Noseworthy
Samuel Penney
Claude M. Percy
Henry Rideout
Richard Squires
Phillip Templeman

Korean War

Douglas Newell

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

**bold is in unison

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.

***INTROIT: The Ode to Newfoundland**

When sun rays crown thy pine clad hills,
And summer spreads her hand,
When silvern voices tune thy rills,
We love thee, smiling land.

We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee, smiling land.

When spreads thy cloak of shimm'ring white
At Winter's stern command
Thro' shortened day and starlit night
We love thee frozen land

We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee frozen land.

When blinding storm gusts fret thy shore
And wild waves lash thy strand
Thro' spindrift swirl and tempest roar
We love thee wind-swept land

We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee wind-swept land.

As loved our fathers, so we love,
Where once they stood, we stand;
Their prayer we raise to Heaven above,
God guard thee, Newfoundland

God guard thee, God guard thee,
God guard thee, Newfoundland.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE & PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Jesus said, you are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they set it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
(Matthew 5: 14-16)

The light of Christ is with us here, now, in this place.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

***REFLECTIVE MUSIC VU 381: Spirit of Life**

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

On this day of Remembrance, O God, we give thanks:

For peacekeepers and pacifists; for those who served on the front lines, and those who protested and marched; for those who volunteered and those who waited anxiously at home; for those who hoped that things would get better, and those who could not stand by and wait.

We give thanks for those who believed that the world could be a better place.

We remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, trusting that others could and would carry the torch.

We give thanks for those who were once enemies who have become friends and allies.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Creator God, hear us as we make our appeal in their memory; Bless, O Lord our God, those who have fought and valiantly died that we might enjoy liberty and freedom. May their sacrifice not be in vain.

May your blessing, O Lord, be upon them. Amen

***HYMN VU 296: This is God's Wondrous World**

LEARNING TOGETHER: "The Abbott Brothers of the Battery"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God of life and death and life beyond life: we confess our love of quick and simple solutions. We avoid complexity in favour of simple and shallow answers; we prefer slogans to solutions. We are too prone to look back after setting our hand to the plough. We do not want to commit to the long haul. When we reflect on our history of the things that make for peace and the things that make for war, we confess that we have resorted to violence instead of the hard work of seeking just and fair solutions. At other times, we have been reluctant to hold others to account, and have ignored injustice and even cruelty. Forgive us for our unwise use of our own power. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. (1 John 5:11-13). **Thanks be to God. Amen**

*** ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

*** Reading of the Honour Roll – Heather McMaster**

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.

Congregational Response: We will remember them.

Last Post – Bugle (recorded)

Time of Silence

Reveille/Rouse

Commitment to Remember – Heather McMaster

They were young, as we are young, They served, giving freely of themselves. To them, we pledge, amid the winds of time, To carry their torch and never forget. We will remember them.

Congregational Response: We will remember them.

Laying of the Wreaths

WWI – Stephen Jewczyk

WWII – Linda Facey

Korean War – Tim Reynolds

***HYMN VU 684: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY HYMN MV 191 What Can I Do?

What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in this place. We ask this through your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave all that he was that we might know life in all its fullness. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

O Fire Divine, go through my heart. O Light eternal, illuminate my soul. **May we discover you in our loving, through the Spirit of Christ who abides in us. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament:

Micah 4: 1-5

Sung Psalm: 23

VU p. 747

Gospel:

John 15: 9-17

ANTHEM: And I Saw a New Heaven, *by M Archer*

SERMON: A Walk Through "In Flanders Fields"

***HYMN VU 679: Let There Be Light**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG) VU: 960

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

***HYMN VU 264: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

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.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Remember the sacrifices of those who have gone before us.

Take up the whole armour of God and remain steadfast.

Fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

Put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

May the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the hope of the Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

(Based on St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6)

***SUNG BENEDICTION VU 707: For the Faithful Who Have Answered (v.1)**

For the faithful who have answered
when they heard your call to serve,
for the many ways you led them,
testing will and stretching nerve,
for their work and for their witness
as they strove against the odds,
for their courage and obedience
we give thanks and praise, O God.

***O CANADA**

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

***GOD SAVE THE KING**

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King:
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the King.

POSTLUDE

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| Sunday, | NOVEMBER 5 | REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY CSUC – Bert Riggs |
| Sunday, | NOVEMBER 12 | CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson |
| Sunday, | NOVEMBER 12 | MAP Congregational Mtg after worship service |
| Sunday, | NOVEMBER 19 | CSUC – Bert Riggs |
| Sunday, | NOVEMBER 26 | CELEBRATION OF LIGHT CANDLE SERVICE (7PM) CSUC – Paula & Tim Reynolds <i>Please Note there is no morning service</i> |

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

PASTORAL COVERAGE FOR CSUC: Rev. Peggy Johnson is covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals. She can be reached at (709) 685-9223 or by email at: peggyjoanjohnson@hotmail.com. If Rev. Peggy is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds at pt2reynolds@gmail.com.

Notice of Congregational Meeting – November 12, 2023: On November 12, 2023, there will be a congregational meeting immediately after the worship service to discuss and vote on the proposed MOU between Cochrane Street and St. James United Churches. The proposed MOU will be circulated to congregation members prior to the meeting.

BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH: For each month of 2023, Bridges To Hope will be suggesting a much needed food item for members of our partner congregations to consider for donation. For the month of **NOVEMBER** we are suggesting Crackers. Of course other non-perishable items are always welcome!