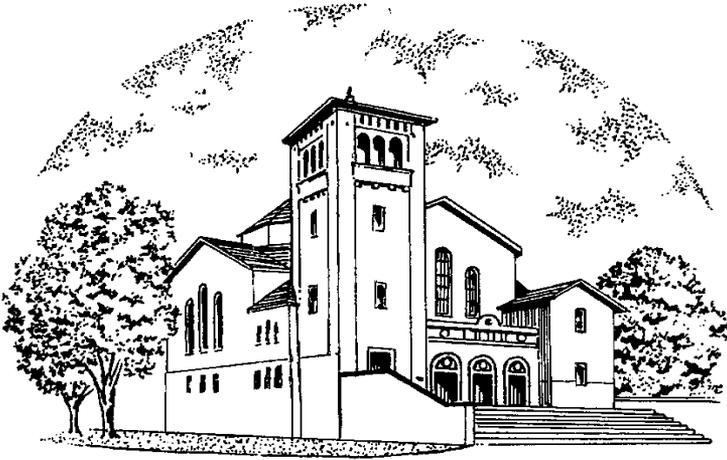


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February 13th, 2022

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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 FEBRUARY

Jalna McMaster, Fraser Ellis, Jo-Ann Kelly, David Molyneux

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET FEBRUARY 14 – FEBRUARY 20

Tuesday, Feb 15: 7:00 PM ZOOM CSUC Council Meeting
Sunday, Feb 20: 11:00 AM Worship at Cochrane

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
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Have a question or need to make an appointment?

You can reach Rev. Miriam in the following ways:

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*THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN IS DEDICATED:
In Loving Memory of Sig Lenser from Ruth*

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: Seasons of Love

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 MV 14: Where two or three are gathered

Where two or three are gathered in my name;

I am there, I am there. **2X**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Your love flows like a stream

into the ocean of your Grace.

Your love encircles this world,

displaying your faithfulness.

Your love is patient and kind,
bringing wholeness and true peace.
Your love is all we desire
to heal our brokenness.
As all things pass and fade away
love remains eternally.

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 574: Come, Let us Sing of a Wonderful Love (vs. 1–4)

- 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.
- 3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
 why do they roam? why do they roam?
 Love only waits to forgive and forget;
 home, weary wanderers, home!
 Wonderful love, wonderful love
 dwells in the heart of the Father above.

4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!
Come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

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

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 581 When We are Living (vs. 2)

2 Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 15:5–10

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

*RESPONSIVE PSALM 1

Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel
of the wicked, or linger in the way of sinners,
or sit down among those who mock.

But their delight is in the law of God,
and on that law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted beside streams of water,
yielding their fruit in due season.

Their leaves do not wither,
and whatever they produce shall prosper. **R**

As for the wicked, it is not so with them,
but they are like the chaff,
driven away by the wind.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand
when judgement comes,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For God watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish. **R**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17–26

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

SOLO: “I’ll Stand By You”

SERMON:

HYMN MV #138: My Love Colours Outside the Lines (vs. 1–3)

1. My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places
where I’ve never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the grave-stones if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines. **R**

2. My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places
where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.
- 3 My soul longs to colour outside the lines
Gear back the curtains, sun, com in and shine,
I want to walk beyond the boundaries
where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

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.**

HYMN: What a Wonderful World

I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself what a wonderful world.

I see skies of blue and clouds of white
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
And I think to myself what a wonderful world.

The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people going by
I see friends shaking hands saying how do you do
They're really saying I love you.

I hear babies crying, I watch them grow
They'll learn much more than I'll never know
And I think to myself what a wonderful world
Yes I think to myself what a wonderful world.

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 BLESSING

SUNG BLESSING: All You Need is Love

POSTLUDE

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

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of Husband and Dad,
From Ruth and Stephen*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 13: Love Sunday

March 6: 1st Sunday of Lent

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, February 15, 2022. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Stephen Jewczyk Council Chair at sjewczyk@gmail.com.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH seeks to be inclusive of the many historical experiences in the Black community in Canada, and the rich contributions the community has made to the foundation of our country. The United Church of Canada Foundation proudly celebrates the history of Black Canadians, including those in our United Church. The United Church of Canada has an abundance of Black History Month resources on their website that can be found here: https://united-church.ca/worship-special-days?mc_cid=d078c3439b&mc_eid=d775e444c8

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA - Giving Tuesday: Since we first launched the vaccination appeal, including support on Giving Tuesday, we have provided over 8,360 full vaccinations to those living in the Global South and East. Thank you so much for your generosity! We can do more to support our friends and neighbours living in Canada. Support families by giving the gift of a meal through our Mission & Service partners. A gift of just \$25 will provide a family of four with a warm, nutritious meal. \$50 will support a family with two meals. \$175 will ensure a family can eat a good, healthy meal every day of the week. **Make a gift** today at this website: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/70143/donation>.

General Council 44: General Council 44 is starting this Sunday, February 13th! Rev. Miriam is a commissioner to General Council 44 and will be participating in the meetings. There are ways that you can get involved and stay connected. The latest **General Council news** will be on the home page of the website:

<https://generalcouncil44.ca/>.

1. From Facebook to YouTube, we have many ways for people to **participate** throughout these next several months of GC44! These options are outlined here: <https://generalcouncil44.ca/about/connect-gc44>
2. If people want to **register to attend online as a visitor**, they can do so at <https://pheedloop.com/register/UCGC44/attendeer/?>
3. **Worship resources for congregations** can be found on the website at <https://generalcouncil44.ca/community/worship-resources-congregations>

FROM OUR PARTNERS AT GUIDE TO THE GOOD

Digital Marketing: I know I need it, but what is it and how do I get started? This stream takes a big picture overview of the main things we mean when we say 'Digital Marketing'. There are lots of beautiful berries out there, but we can start with one! Bite-sized and digestible. Don't miss any of our posts go to Go Local Go Digital facebook group and like us to get all the updates! Grow Local Go Digital is free, fun, and a gift from Guide to the Good to help local companies thrive online, so our communities flourish. We help make digital do-able for local companies.

Date: Wednesday, **February 23, 10:20am**–10:30am

Link to the live is <https://fb.me/e/2bnjMYawZ>

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: Join the United Church congregations in the St. John's Metro Area at **Cowan Heights United Church**, 141 Frecker Drive, for a special service of worship on Ash Wednesday, **March 2, at 7:30 p.m.** After a tumultuous year, we will reflect upon the fragility of life and look towards our Lenten journey to the cross. We will receive the imposition of ashes in a safe way to comply with Covid-19 protocols and share together at the communion table to be strengthened and sustained for our Lenten journey. To register for the service, click here: <https://rsvp.church/r/mJ5WOUPH> or call the Cowan Heights church office at (709) 745-2871

VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL – by Coffee Matters: Show your love by ordering a delectable meal for two. You'll be supporting The Fluvarium's environmental education programs and an awesome local business who loves to give back to the community, Coffee Matters! Pick up at The Fluvarium on Saturday, February 12, between 2pm and 5pm to take home and eat. Call Karina at 754-3474 to order. For more information, check out this Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Fluvarium> Note: The price is based on two meals. There must be a minimum of 10 orders for the Special to go ahead, so tell all of your loved ones!

FEBRUARY IS WINTER WALK MONTH: Winter can be celebrated on foot or on wheels, using skis, snowshoes or adaptive equipment. Residents can visit **The Loop in Bannerman Park** (<https://www.stjohns.ca/living-st-johns/recreation-and-parks/recreation-facilities/loop>) and enjoy free ice skating. Or when snow conditions allow for trails to re-open, residents can visit the **Winter Activity Centre in Pippy Park** to participate in snowshoeing or cross-country skiing (<https://www.stjohns.ca/living-st-johns/recreation-and-parks/outdoor-recreation/ski-snowshoe>).

The City's Inclusive Services division helps improve year-round access to parks and trails with the adaptive equipment lending program. Please pre-book accessible equipment such as Hippocampe All-Terrain Wheelchair, Sit Ski, Ice Sledge or Snow Coach Adapted Slide, by emailing inclusion@stjohns.ca, or call 576-6972.

CHILLFEST – St. John’s Winter Celebration: Celebrate winter with a variety of free activities taking place February 11–14. Find the complete events listing on the City’s webpages at <https://www.stjohns.ca/calendar/month/2022-02>. Please respect public health guidelines and facility requirements while enjoying ChillFest. These guidelines and facility requirements may vary between the different activities. Before participating, please check the facility website for the public health guidelines and facility requirements that you will need to follow

BLUE RODEO: Many a Mile Tour 2022 will be in St. John’s on Saturday, March 19, 8pm. Tickets range in price from \$62.30 to \$82.30 (taxes and service charge included). Tickets available at Mary Brown’s Centre Box Office, 709 576-7657 and online at mbcentre.ca.

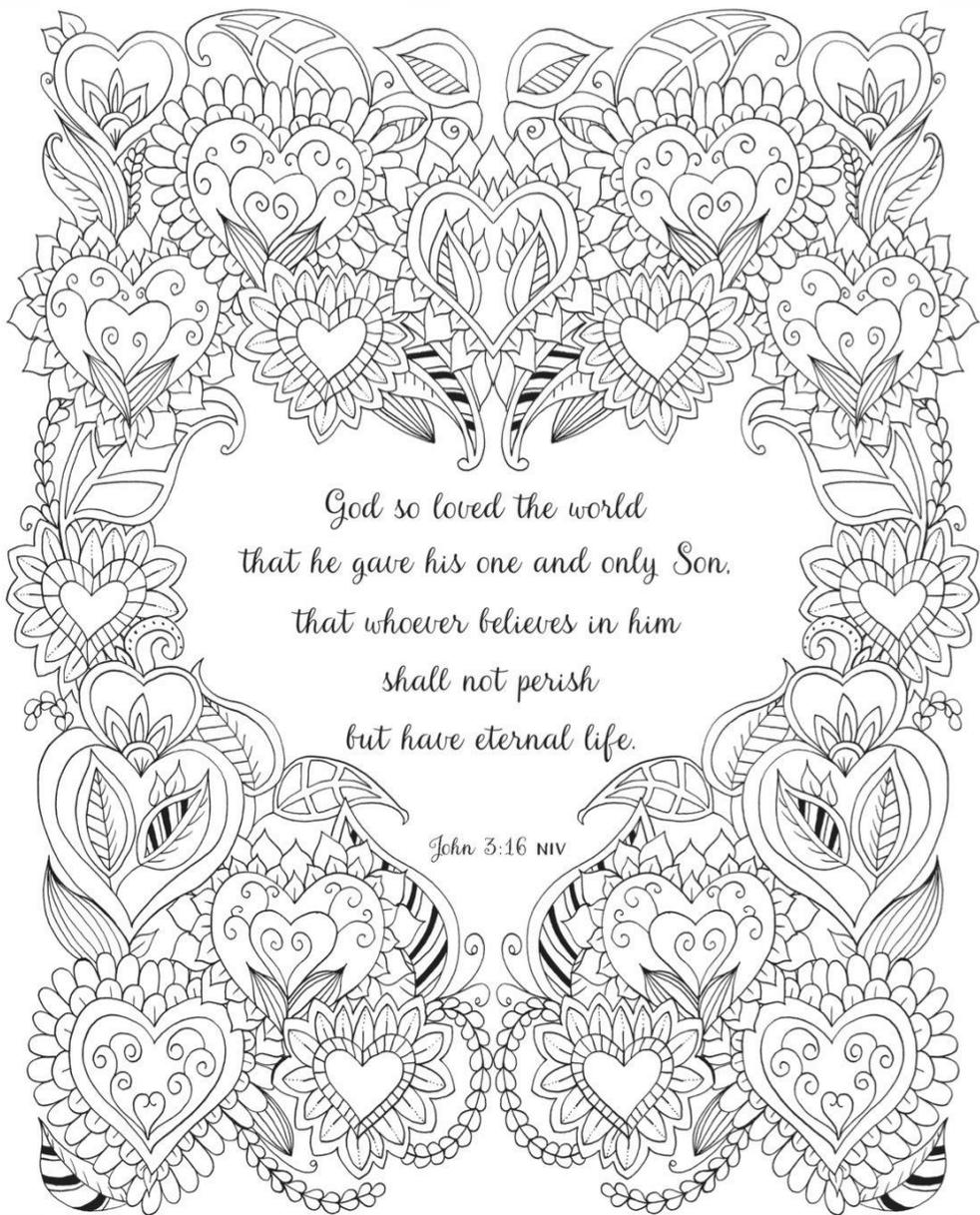
CHRIS de BURGH & Band: The Legend of Robin Hood & other hits Canadian Tour 2022 will be in St. John’s on Wednesday, April 13, 7pm–11pm. Tickets on sale now. Tickets range in price from \$82.60 to \$152.60 (taxes and service charge included). Tickets available at Mary Brown’s Centre Box Office, 709 576-7657 and online at mbcentre.ca.

TechKNOWtutors: Check out our newest calendar filled with classes for social media beginners and more. Be the best digital citizen you can be! **FREE** learning sessions in instructor-led presentations and hands-on activities are available through Zoom. To learn more, view our courses at <https://techknowtutors.ca/upcoming-classes/>. For one on-one help, you can contact us at 753-9860 or techknowtutors@cscnl.ca.

Below is just a sampling of what we offer:

Monday, February 14	2:00 pm	Digital Citizenship
Tuesday, February 15	10:00 am	Understanding Applications
Wednesday, February 16	10:00 am	Introduction to Online Shopping
Wednesday, February 16	2:00 pm	Facebook 101





God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish
but have eternal life.

John 3:16 NIV