

Cochrane Street United Church

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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 SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

Ian McMaster, Gerry Penney, Bill Squires, Blaire Bradbury

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET FEBRUARY 1 – FEBRUARY 7

Thursday: 10:00 Zoom Prayer Group
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
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*Today's bulletin is donated in honour of Byron Briggs' birthday today.
With much love from your Family*

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 MV# 4: All Who are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain.

Dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.

We sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come. **(4X)**

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:

What does the Lord require of us?

With what shall we come before God on high?

This is what God requires of us:

To do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Holy God,

**We will not stumble for your hand will guide
and in your footsteps we will follow.**

**We will not grow weary for your spirit sustains
and we shall be renewed.**

From the depths of the earth

we shall soar upward on wings like eagles,

spread the news throughout the world,

run the race against all odds,

and shall prevail. Amen.

HYMN VU # 307: Touch the Earth Lightly vs. 1 & 4

1 Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of wholeness,

**we bring our brokenness, our fears and despair,
and lay them at your feet.**

God of healing,

God of wholeness,

**we hold out hearts and hands,
minds and souls to feel your touch,**

and know the peace that only you can bring.

God of healing,

God of wholeness,

**this precious moment in your presence and power
grant us faith and confidence that here broken lives
are made whole. 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: Big Ideas – Big Dreams

HYMN VU # 581: When We are Living vs. 1 & 4

- 1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 4 Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

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 #389: God Is Here vs. 4

- 4 God of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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

Deuteronomy 18:15 - 20

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

***RESPONSIVE PSALM 111**

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**2 Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

**3 Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

**4 He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

**5 He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

**6 He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

**7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.**

**8 They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

**9 He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.**

**10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21 - 28

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

ANTHEM: Guide My Feet, Lord

SERMON: Big Ideas

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 664: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
 all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
 everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
 O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
 everything to God in prayer.
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
 who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
 cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
 take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
 Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
 and we'll find new courage there.

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 424 vs. 1: May the God of Hope

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

POSTLUDE

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

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of Lawrence Wells, Sr.
From Sandra Garland*

*In Loving Memory of David Boone
From Henrietta Ellis*

*In Fond Memory of Dave Boone,
From The McMaster Family*

*In Loving Memory of Dave Boone
From Paula & Tim Reynolds*

*In Loving Memory of Mother, Irene Tucker,
from daughters, Linda Facey and Marilyn Pardy, and Families*

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