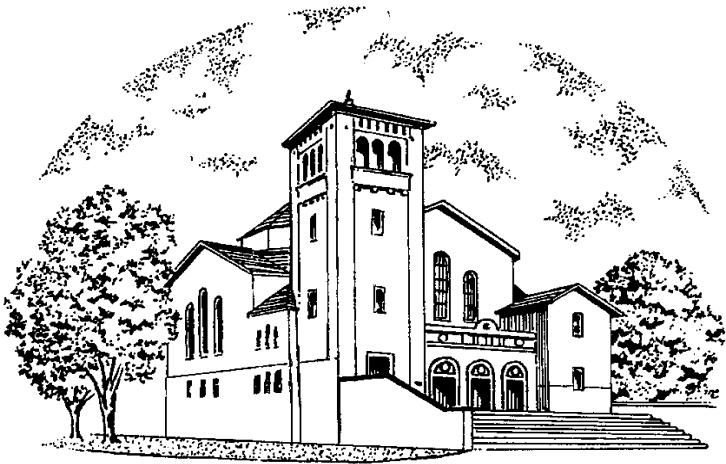


Cochrane Street United Church

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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 JULY 11

Roger Crosbie, Jim Austin, Jeff Critch, Jim Oakley

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET JULY 12 – JULY 18

Sunday: 11:00 AM Worship at Cochrane Street United Church

OFFICE

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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:

Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.

We have come to this place in need for healing and hope.

Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.

We come here seeking guidance and strength.

Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.

Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to comprehend your word and follow you faithfully.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Creator of all things,

Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End.

Whose love poured out mends broken hearts.

Whose wounded hands reach out to all.

Whose Spirit waits to enter in.

You are the everything that we desire.

Be with us now.

**Bless us that we might be
a blessing to others. Amen.**

HYMN VU 412: This Is the Day

1 & 4 This is the day, this is the day
 that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
 and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
 that our God has made.

2 Open to us, open to us
 your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
 to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
 we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
 your gates, O God.

3 You are our God, you are our God,
 we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
 for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
 we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
 we will praise your name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

You have called us by name, Lord,
and made us your family.
Yet we do not always live
as one body in Christ—
we neglect to care for your creation;
we forget that our neighbor is also our sister, our brother.
Forgive us, we pray.
Loosen the chains
we place on our lives—
chains of burden and busyness,
chains of ignorance and stress.
Free us to care for your family,
that we all might dance, sing,
and praise your glorious name! 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 112: O God, How We have Wandered

- 1 O God, how we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.
But how, in exile dwelling,
we turn with fear and shame,
as distant but compelling,
you call us each by name.
- 2 And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
by faith we are returning
with hope and trust in you.
In haste you come to meet us,
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.

3 O God of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
our peace and hope assured.
Grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.

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

Luke 15:11 - 32

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

SOLO: Julia Drover Crane

SERMON:

Reflective Music

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Because there is one bread,
we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.

In Christ, God breaks down the walls
that make us strangers to ourselves,
and divide us from one another.

We are the body of Christ.

At this table we bear witness to our faith.

**At this table, God brings wholeness out of brokenness,
and healing to our world.**

Let us break bread together.

SUNG RESPONSE: MV #194: Bread of Life, Feed My Soul vs. 1

1 Bread of life, feed my soul,
as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart with the grace and mercy you impart.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God, Source of all,
we thank and praise you with our lips and with our lives,
that, having created us and all things through your Word,
you welcome our prayer and praise.

For the goodness of creation
and the glory of redemption,
we praise you.

For the law of holiness, inviting our obedience,
and the call of prophets, rebuking our disobedience,
we praise you.

Therefore, with all that is, seen and unseen,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
we join in this hymn of praise and thanksgiving:

Holy, holy, holy God,

power of life and love!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna through the ages!

Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!

Loving God, Holy One, Holy Three

we offer you praise and thanksgiving over this bread and cup,

because in Jesus Christ, your only Son,

you have joined yourself forever to us,

uniting heaven and earth.

Now, therefore, we gratefully remember:

Jesus' birth into our humanity,

baptism for our sin,

compassion for our suffering,

intimacy with our frailty,

rebuke of our pride,

bearing of the cross with its death,

and rising from the tomb by the power of God.

On the night before he died,

it was Jesus who took a loaf of bread,

gave you thanks, broke it, and said,

"Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying,

"This is the new covenant; remember me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Loving God, creative Power,

blessing your name, we seek your Spirit.

Come to us and bless these gifts of bread and wine,

that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ;

the sign and seal of our forgiveness in him,

and our adoption as the children of God.

As we eat and drink together,
make us one with Christ and one in Christ,
a sign of his eternal reign in all the world.

This sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
we offer you, loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen

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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

The bread we break

Is our sharing in the life of Christ.

The cup for which we give thanks

Is our sharing in the life of Christ.

Sung Response: Bread of Life, Feed My Soul vs. 5

5 Bread of life, feed my soul,

as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.

Bread of life, fill my heart with the grace and mercy you impart.

Prayer After Communion

**We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness;
that wine poured out replenishes;
that time spent with the Risen Christ
and one another is gift and grace.**

Amen

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

HYMN VU # 586: We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

- 1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.
- 2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

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

- 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.

MEMORIALS & DEDICATIONS

*In loving Memory of Sig Lenser – the best husband ever.
From Ruth Lenser*

*In celebration of Samuel Lenser, the “high-tech” grandson,
From Ruth Lenser*

*In celebration of Miriam Lenser, the Artistic Granddaughter,
From Ruth Lenser*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 11:	Communion Service
July 11:	BYOB Coffee time on the front patio, weather permitting
July 18:	Guest Preacher Katie Vardy, guest musician Maggie Power
July 25:	Guest Preacher Katie Vardy, guest musician Peter Halley
August 1	Online Service only
August 8	Communion Service
August 15	Guest Musician Maggie Power
August 15	BBQ & Bridges To Hope Food Drive
September 5	Online Service only (Joint Service with Cowan Heights United Church)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you wish to add an announcement, please have it into the office by Wednesday at noon.

VACATION: Rev. Miriam will be on vacation from July 12 – August 1. During this time, Katie Vardy will be our guest preacher on July 18, July 25 & August 1. Rev. Oliver Dingwell will cover any pastoral emergencies. He can be reached at 709-640-4632 or odingwell@cowanheightsunited.ca.

COFFEE TIME ON THE PATIO: Weather permitting on July 11, we are going to have a Bring Your Own Beverage (BYOB) socially distanced coffee time on the front steps of the church! We look forward to gathering and chatting for a time of community following worship.

All Request Summer Sundays are back!! What are your favourite hymns? Please email your hymn requests to the office: info@cochranestreetuc.com or to Rev. Miriam revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com.

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

RUN FOR WOMEN: Thank you! We reached our goal of \$1,400 and passed it! Stella's Tea Cups have raised over \$1,600! All the money raised goes to support mental health and wellness programs at Stella's Circles. If you wish to sponsor our United Church team, please click the link. The deadline for donations is 11:59pm July 11.

http://run.convio.net/site/TR/Events/General?team_id=10090&pg=team&fr_id=1240

RECYCLABLES: Drop off your recyclables at any Green Depot and use the Cochrane Street Code (our phone number) 7223023. Your empty containers will support the ministries of our congregation! Don't forget to drop off your eligible tetra or gable containers and glass containers (including beer & wine bottles) for a refund. Thank you in advance for your help. For more information, check out this website: <https://www.greencan.ca/?page=start>

GOWER STREET IS HIRING: We are hiring for the position of Maintenance and Community Connections. This position is open to individuals who are in high school for an eight week, 20 hours per week position. Read the full job description here: https://gowerunited.com/wp-content/uploads/Reference%20Docs/2021%20Maintenance%20and%20Community%20Connections.pdf?_t=1624978431. To apply, please send a copy of your resume to office@gowerunited.com.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

On June 2, 1961, Pine Hill Divinity Hall held convocation at Cochrane Street. At that time, Doctor of Divinity, Honoris Causa, was conferred on Rev Levi Donald Curtis and Bachelor of Divinity on Rev Donovan Leish Brown. Rev Curtis, known as LAD Curtis, was our minister from 1959 to 1965.