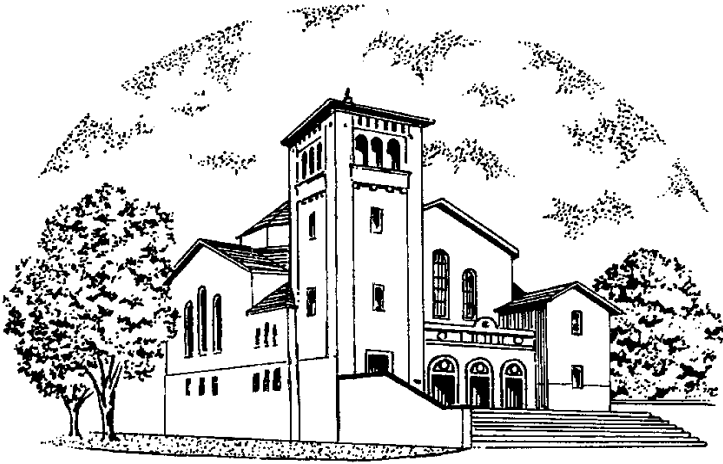


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Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

Whether you are here for the first time or this is your church home – welcome to our community of faith.

USHERING TEAM FOR JULY 25

Keith Bowden, Harold Grandy

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET JULY 26 – AUGUST 1

Sunday: 11:00 AM Worship Online (for August 1)

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 VU 1: River

Spirit, come-a-down to the river-side,
Spirit, spark of wondrous thought.
Spirit, I am free for you to guide,
Spirit, pray that I be taught!

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 #12: Come Touch Our Hearts vs. 4

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Once upon a time
a wise man offered a challenge;
"What is the greatest commandment?"
The calendars on our desks share a vision of greatness;
bills to pay, phone calls to return, appointments to keep.
Love the Lord your God.

The cameras of our memories share what commands us;
children to bathe and partners to help
parents calling and grandchildren hopeful.
**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.**

Still the Spirit lures us to new priorities;
open spaces to experience wonder,
strangers becoming friends,
devotion to that which transcends.
**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.
Love your neighbor as yourself.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

**Loving, living God, be among us now.
Show us your ways. Guide our steps.
Live in us, that we may be people
of steadfast hope and powerful giving.
Help us hear your words,
challenging us to give you all the things that are yours.
Help us remember that all we are and all we have
are gifts from you,
gifts to be shared in service and love.
Holy One among us, help us be a holy people
who receive your word with joy
and live your message with love. Amen.**

HYMN VU # 238 How Great Thou Art (v. 1, 2, 4)

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

REFRAIN: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. **R**

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!' **R**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**The world teaches us many ways to love,
but all are based on selfish desires and needs.**

God teaches us how to love:

completely, uniquely, unconditionally.

Let us confess our difficulty in loving as God teaches us:

Forgive us, Love Eternal.

As you took a risk in creating us,

help us to take risks to love others compassionately,

to love ourselves genuinely,

and to love you as completely as you love us

in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, 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

HYMN VU # 288 Great is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **R**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. **R**

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.

With what you see before us, God,
we demonstrate our deepest love.
Receive our gifts – our very best – as sweet offerings before you.
May they be the blessing to others – that they have been for us. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN VU 222: Come Let Us Sing vs. 4

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Dear Creator,
We know all our gifts come from you.
We strive to serve you and share your love.
Accept these gifts and those of our hearts
to continue living your way in the world.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Creator God,

Reveal your presence to us this day.

Send your spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart.

Be near us this day and may your Word stay with us and dwell with us forevermore.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM 139

O God, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and rise up;

you discern my thoughts from afar.

You discern my path and the places I rest;

you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue, you know it, O God, completely.

You guard me from behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

It is beyond my knowledge; it is a mystery; I cannot fathom it.

Where can I escape from your spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I can ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I lie down in the grave, you are even there.

If I take wing with the dawn and alight at the sea's farthest limits,

there also your hand will be guiding me

your powerful hand holding me fast.

If I say, "Let the darkness cover me and my day be turned to night,"

even darkness is not dark to you:

the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

It was you who formed my inward parts;

you fashioned me in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully, wonderfully made.

Wondrous are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you
when I was being fashioned in secret,
intricately woven in the mystery of clay.

**Your eyes saw my substance taking shape;
in your book my every day was recorded;
all my days were fashioned, even before they came to be.**

How deep your designs are to me, O God! How great their number!
I try to count them but they are more than the sand.

I come to the end – I am still with you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

test me and know my thoughts.

Watch closely, lest I follow a path of error
and guide me in the everlasting way.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34 - 40

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

SOLOIST: Daniel Dumaresque Correa

SERMON:

Reflective Music

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 VU # 684 Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

1 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

2 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

3 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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

God, you display your almighty power
in loving us without regret.

In the human heart of Jesus your Son,
you have shown us how far love can go.

**Give us a love that is forgiving,
generous and gentle like his,
that we may recognize and welcome him
in our siblings in Christ.**

**And may our hearts reach out
with the gratuitous love you have given us
in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

SUNG BENEDICTION MV 209: Go Make a Difference (Refrain)

Refrain: Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world. **X2**

POSTLUDE

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 25:	Guest Preacher Katie Vardy, guest musician Peter Halley Soloist Daniel Dumaresque Correa
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.

Mount Pleasant Cemetery Flower Service: The Annual Flower Service for the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Board (Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, General Protestant Cemetery and Memorial Gardens) is being recorded this week and will be uploaded to the Wesley United Church YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/c/WesleyUnitedStJohns>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/WesleyUnitedChurch>) on Monday, July 19.

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

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

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 tretra 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>

Bridges To Hope: We are getting ready for our Annual Bag to School Campaign. If you or someone you know could use a fully packed school bag for a child, please check out our website for more information on when to register: <https://www.bridgestohope.ca/bag-to-school-registration>

Registration is July 19–July 23 online at Bridgestohope.ca or by phone at 722-9225 from 9:30am–1:00 pm. Please have your MCP's for yourself and your children ready before registering. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 722-9225 or email bridgestohope2021@gmail.com.

BAG TO SCHOOL: It has been another hard year for students, and we are determined to send them back to school with everything they need to thrive. Normally, most of our school supplies are donated, but this year due to the pandemic and Health and Safety protocols, we decided it would be safer to purchase all our supplies. While this is quite the financial endeavour, we are confident that with the help of our Corporate Sponsors and your generosity, we can achieve this goal.

Students will be given a top-quality school bag packed with all the top brand products and headphones to ensure they start the year off right, with the dignity of not being seen as a 'poor' student by their classmates. Please offer your support and help us spread some relief and joy in our community — both to the students and their parents. Donate at www.bridgestohope.ca.

UNITED CHURCH BOOKSTORE SIDE WALK SALE: The bookstore is having a side walk sale. Lots of great deals on books & gift ware! Come join us on Wednesday, August 11, from 11am–2pm. COVID protocols will be followed.

REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICE 2021 SUMMER HOURS: Effective June 28 through to and including September 3, the summer hours for the office staff will be:

8:30 am – 4:00 pm Monday to Thursday

8:30 am – 12:00 pm (noon) on Fridays

As of July 5, staff will transition back to the office at 320 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, in keeping with the easing of restrictions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the office will remain closed to the general public for the summer.

The bookstore will operate using scheduled curbside pick-up or mailings. Leona continues to be available for orders daily at l laundry@united-church.ca. Staff will continue to be available using phone, email and video conferencing. In-person meetings will be accepted by appointment only, so no walk-ins. Please scheduled in advance.

TEA TO YOUR TABLE: This summer the Cathedral Tea Room team is offering a takeout tea to enjoy at home or on the go. Small Box \$15 serves up to 2; Large Box \$25 serves up to 4. Packages include everything you need: scones, tea biscuits, breads, and squares, jam, butter, knives, and napkins. Order deadline is July 28 and pick-up date is July 31. Place your order TODAY at 709-726-5677 or email office@ourcathedral.ca.

Music @ Harbourside Concerts will resume in person this summer! Admission is FREE. In keeping with public health guidelines, concerts will have a limited capacity. We're hosting three concerts per day – at noon, 2pm, and 4pm, on the following Saturdays: July 10, July 24, August 14, August 28

To secure a spot at the concert, get your free ticket by visiting <https://harbourside2021.eventbrite.ca>. If you do not have online access, please call 709-576-8106, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm. To promote social distancing, audience members are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair. For the complete lineup, check out this website: <http://stjohns.ca/living-st-johns/arts-and-culture/music-concert-series>.

TechKNOWtutors offers **FREE** learning sessions to groups from many different backgrounds in instructor-led presentations and hands-on activities. As a result of current Public Health measures, we are now teaching all classes through Zoom. To learn more, email us at techknowtutors@cscnl.ca or view our courses at <https://techknowtutors.ca/upcoming-classes/>. Below is just a sampling of what we offer:

Monday, July 26	6:00–8:00pm	Social Media for Employment
Tuesday, July 27	6:00–8:00pm	All About Smartphones
Wednesday, July 28	6:00–8:00pm	Zoom for Hosts
Thursday, July 29	6:00–8:00pm	Keeping Teens Safe Online

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

One of the building's architects, Robert H Macdonald of Montreal, visited the church building site twice during construction –once in June 1915 and again in September of that year. In June he was accompanied by the Mr Dunn, contractor for the Downing, Cook Co, who had the contract for the construction of the building.

H R Dowswell, the chief designer of the architectural firm, Ross and Macdonald, visited in May 1915. He later moved to an architectural firm in New York City and worked on the design of the Empire State Building. That firm, Shreve, Lamb and Harmon, designed a military base in Newfoundland for the US Army. That base was Fort Pepperell.