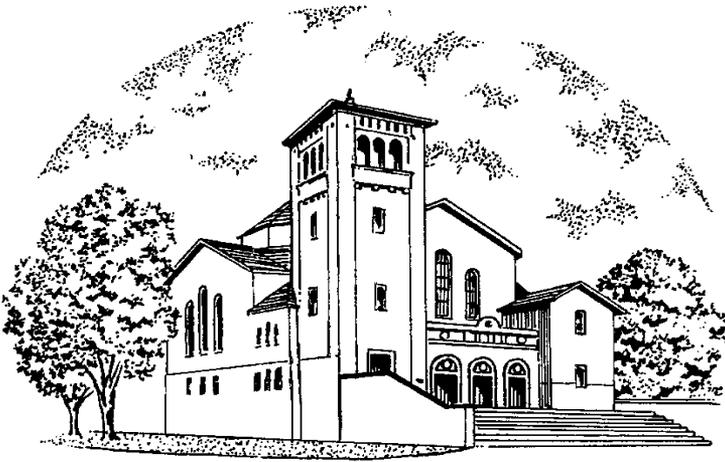


Cochrane Street United Church

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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 JUNE

Ian McMaster, Blair Bradbury, Gerry Penney, Blair Squires

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET JUNE 7 – JUNE 13

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

OFFICE

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

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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.

GUEST MUSICIAN: PETER HALLEY

PRELUDE:

INTROIT MV 3: 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:

Come, faithful people, and find that quiet centre
where God may enter in.

**We gather as God's people:
hungry for holy presence,
ready for God's Word to us.
Let us worship God.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

**Mighty God,
To you belong the mysteries of the universe.
You transform shepherds into kings,
the smallest seeds into magnificent trees,
and hardened hearts into loving ones.
Bless us with your life-giving Spirit,
and re-create us in your image,
and shape us to your purposes,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN VU# 326: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (1,3 & 5)

O for a thousand tongues to sing	My gracious Master and my God,
my great Redeemer's praise,	assist me to proclaim,
the glories of my God and King,	to spread through all the earth abroad
the triumphs of God's grace.	the honours of your name.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken-hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Holy God,
we confess the times we have done nothing
to advance your kingdom,
the times we have hoped or assumed
that the kingdom of God happens without us sowing seeds.
We are sorry for thinking we are too busy
or too insignificant to do your work in the world.
Sometimes we work hard to make your kingdom come on earth,
yet we see few results.
We confess we get discouraged
when the world does not respond as we think it should.
Forgive our impatience.
Give us courage to work for the coming of your kingdom
and patience to wait for your time.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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

LEARNING TOGETHER – Building God's Kingdom

Prayer:

**We may not be able to confront queens,
or challenge presidents;**

**We may not have the capacity to divert resources,
or uplift communities;**

**We may not have the voice to silence the noise of war,
or the words to negotiate peace between armies;**

But, as we follow you, O Christ, we are able to do something.

**And so, we pray that you would inspire us
to commit to and act on**

the small difference we can make:

**May we bring peace
through small acts of gentleness
and reconciliation;**

**May we bring wealth
through small contributions
and collaborations;**

**May we bring safety
through small acts of consideration
and acceptance;**

**May we bring wholeness
through small acts of care
and service.**

**And in the small ways, O God,
may our small difference make a big contribution
to your saving work in our world. Amen.**

HYMN VU #509: Here I Am Lord vs. 1 & 3

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? 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.

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

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy 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 with us stay
and dwell with us forevermore. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 17:22 - 24

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

***RESPONSIVE PSALM 92**

It is good to give you thanks, O God,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

**to tell of your love in the morning,
and your faithfulness during the night,**

with a ten-stringed lute and harp,
with voice and lyre together.

**For you, O God, have made me glad by your work;
I shout for joy at the works of your hands.**

The just shall flourish like the date-palm
and increase like the cedars of Lebanon.

**Planted in God's house,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.**

In old age they still produce fruit, thriving and full of vigour.

**They will show that God is just;
God, our rock, in whom there is no wrong.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:26 - 34

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

SOLO – Peter Halley

SERMON:

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: It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way

When sorrows like sea billows roll

Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say

It is well, it is well with my soul

Chorus: It is well (it is well)

With my soul (with my soul)

It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come

Let this blest assurance control

That Christ (yes, He has) has regarded my helpless estate

And has shed His own blood for my soul. (Chorus)

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought (a thought)
My sin, not in part, but the whole (every bit, every bit, all of it)
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more (yes!)
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Chorus)

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 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

June 10–17 Online Auction
June 12 Plant Sale & BBQ (*please note an incorrect date was given in our recent mailout*)
10:30am – 1:30pm

ONLINE AUCTION 2021: We are hosting an online auction from **June 10–17** on this site, <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/Cochrane-Street-UC-21250>. Stay tuned for more details!

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

In March of 1957, our congregation donated chairs to the new Mount Pearl United Church Building Committee for their use in the space they were using for worship while their new church was being built.