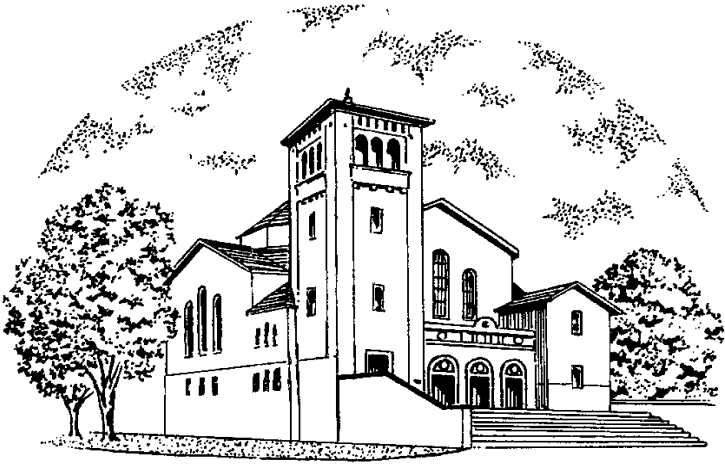


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Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

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 21 – JUNE 27

Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

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*This Week's Bulletin is Dedicated
In honour of our 19th wedding anniversary which is Sunday.
By Cheryl Briggs.*

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

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.

Acknowledging Our Kinship:

Creator, we come together today as diverse, united peoples to give thanks to you, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

We come to listen, to learn, to sing and pray, to consider our place in the order of things you have created and are creating.

It is right and good to give thanks for the land on which we stand, for this is wisdom we learn from Indigenous peoples of this land—that we are one with the earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.

Such wisdom, our interdependence with all life, is something too easy to forget in our busy lives! It is a gift and a challenge to us to remember.

And so we take time to acknowledge the lands on which we now live.

Many of us have come from other places, arriving from distant shores, our families arriving years ago or some of us more recently. When settlers came, they were met by others who were already here, already knew these lands, already lived rich and full lives based on ancient and proud cultures.

Let us take time to name the peoples of this land now:

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.

O God, as we acknowledge the peoples who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial, and their continued claims to the land, help us to become neighbours that we might live together in better ways.

For we are all kin in Christ, “All My Relations,” with each other and this earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.

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.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

**Holy One, you are our rock,
a foundation upon which we stand.
Fill our hearts now with joy at your deep, abiding presence.
Encourage us by the teachings of Christ to live
with care and compassion for self, friend, and neighbour.
Bless us now as we reflect on our relations
with Indigenous peoples—our kin—
as diverse yet united peoples. Amen.**

HYMN MV #135: Called By Earth and Sky vs. 1, 2 & 3

REFRAIN: Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky (X3).

Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again.

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace.

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image. 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

**We are, all of us, Treaty People:
original inhabitants
and those who came later—
inheritors of a diverse history,
dwellers in a common land,
travellers toward a better day.**

**We have known
friendship and animosity,
cooperation and oppression,
blessing and pain.**

**And now we embrace
the sacred covenant
that heralds a new beginning:
that softens the heart
and dismantles the prisons of
the present and the past.**

**We joyfully claim
our rights and responsibilities
as Treaty People.**

Amen.

Treaty People's Creed (2011), The All My Relations Network of Saskatchewan Conference

SOLO: Deantha Edmunds

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

SACREMENT OF BAPTISM

**Alexandria Anna and Allie Jordan Brown
Daughters of Andy Brown and Andrea Noseworthy**

Brothers and Sisters, we gather now to celebrate the gift of God's grace that is given to us in the Sacrament of Baptism.

We are one body and one spirit.

We have one hope in the risen Christ.

There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism. One God and Creator of us all.

Out of the waters of baptism we rise to new life, forgiven of sin and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.

Presentation

On behalf of the congregation
I present the following persons
for initiation into the Body of Christ through Baptism:

**Alexandria Anna Brown
Allie Jordan Brown**

Profession of Faith

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you promise to resist evil
and to live in love and justice?

I do, by the grace of God.

Do you believe in the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit—in God,
source of love, in Jesus Christ, love incarnate, and in the Holy Spirit,
love's power?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in the mission and ministry
of Christ's Church?

I will, God being my helper.

Vows for the parents:

Will you share with your children the Christian life, and seek to grow
with them in faith, hope and love?

I will, God being my helper.

Vows for the Sponsor

Do you promise through prayer and example to support and
encourage Alexandria and Allie to be a faithful Christian?

I do.

Vows for the Congregation

Let us pledge our support and care for those being baptized today:

**As a baptized and baptizing congregation, we
commit ourselves to support and uphold you within
a community that worships God, loves and serves
others, seeks justice and resists evil. May God
grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.**

Let us with the whole Church confess our faith:

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, Eternal God,
for you nourish and sustain all living things
by the gift of water.

You led Israel out of slavery,
through the waters of the sea,
into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed are you, O God.

In the waters of the Jordan,
Jesus was baptized by John.
and anointed with your spirit.
By the baptism of his own death and resurrection,
Christ set us free from sin and death.

And opened the way to eternal life.

Blessed are you, O God.

We praise you that in baptism
you give us your Holy Spirit,
who teaches us and leads us into all truth,
filling us with a variety of gifts,
that we might proclaim the gospel
and serve as a royal priesthood.

Blessed are you, O God.

Pour out, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon this water
that this font may become our fount of blessing
and source of grace.

Blessed be the Lord our God, now and forever. Amen.

Hopes & Prayers

The Act of Baptism

I present to you, Alexandria Anna and Allie Jordan, members of the
Body of Christ through Baptism.

In God's circle of love, we hold on to each other;
I can see God's love through you.
In God's circle of love, we learn to love each other;
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.

Oh Alexandria / Allie did you know that you are very special?
You're so special to us all
Oh come if you will to our circle of love.
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

**We have heard the words of scripture so often
that we assume we know what they mean.
We fail to notice the cultural lenses
through which we view the stories,
the assumptions we make based on what we have been taught.
Today, may we receive these words afresh, Loving God.
May we notice what we have not noticed before,
by the power of your Spirit working through these words. Amen.**

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

ANTHEM: Shelter Me

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 VU #602: Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.

We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

This glorious hope revives
our courage on the way;
that we shall live in perfect love
in God's eternal day.

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

As God's united yet diverse peoples,
we go to become neighbours to each other and to the earth.

For in Christ we are all kin.

**We are called to be neighbours,
to share generously with each other.**

As we learn more, respect more, love more,
we all can gain, not lose!

**God as Creator will be our rock.
Christ and Spirit be our guides.**

SUNG BENEDICTION VU #884 : You Shall Go Out With Joy

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 27 & July 11: BYOB Coffee time on the front patio, weather permitting

July 4: online Service

July 11: Communion Service

July 18: Guest Preacher Katie Vardy, guest musician Maggie Power

July 25: Guest Preacher Katie Vardy, guest musician Maggie Power

COFFEE TIME ON THE PATIO: Weather permitting on June 27th & July 11th 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.

First Light is selling Orange Decolonize YYT T-shirts - available for \$20 at bit.ly/decolonizeYYT; 100% of proceeds go towards the development of First Light's Residential Schools Survivor Memorial Garden. Local pickup in St. John's will be available the week of June 28. We encourage you to **wear your orange shirt on July 1 and any day of the year** to show your support for decolonizing spaces, educating others, and recognizing Indigenous rights. For more information: firstlightnl.ca/NIPD

MEMORIALS & DEDICATIONS

*In Loving Memory of Father, Walter Tucker, From daughters,
Linda Facey and Marilyn Pardy, and their Families*

*In Memory of husband, Leo; sons Randy, Paul, and Noel;
grandsons, Matthew and Tyler; and parents, Ches & Mary Evans,
From Pearl Pittman*

*In Loving Memory of a wonderful father, grandfather and friend –
Clyde Budden, and wonderful brother and uncle – Allan Budden,
From Cheryl, Byron, Ellice and Allannah*

*To acknowledge the very kind UC pastoral care worker
who led me through the maze, which is our Health Science Complex,
to help me get to an appointment on time on Wednesday.
By Kevin Sullivan*

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Do you remember our old wooden stacking chairs – those before the orange ones? The wooden ones were purchased in 1966. I am using one as a desk chair in our archives storage unit. One of the wooden stacking tables is being used as a desk in the archives. I do not know when they were purchased.