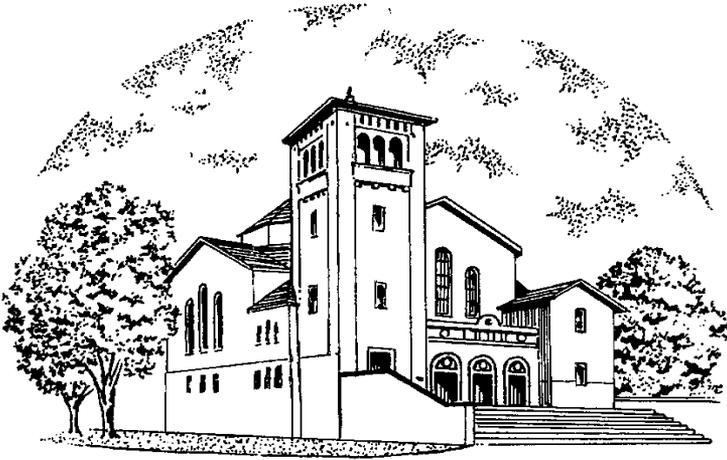


Cochrane Street United Church

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March 27th, 2022

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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 MARCH

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OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
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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: MV # 71: When the Wind of Winter Blows (vs. 1)

1. When the wind of winter blows,
bringing times of solitude,
fill the silent icy night;
be our hearts' compassion.

REFRAIN: Holy Light, warm our night;
warm the time of winter.
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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 #7: Gather Us In

Gather us in, ground us in you. **(2X)**

Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God's reach is endless.

God's mercy is unstoppable.

God's grace is lavish.

God's love is constant.

God's wisdom is vast.

God's hope is stubborn.

God's presence is here—

with us, among us, moving through us.

Breathe easy. Breathe deeply.

We are in God's house.

Let us worship the One who welcomes us home.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Living God,

in this sacred time

make us wise to believe

that you, who created the universe

and still govern its destiny,

can create in us new hearts;

that you welcome not only

our praise and thanksgiving,

but also our anger and doubt,

our passions and brokenness.

Receive all our worship this day,

for we offer it in spirit and truth,

through Jesus our Redeemer. Amen

HYMN VU 278: In Quiet Curve of Evening

- 1 In the quiet curve of evening,
in the sinking of the days,
in the silky void of darkness, you are there.
 In the lapses of my breathing,
 in the space between my ways,
 in the crater carved by sadness, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.
- 2 In the rests between the phrases,
in the cracks between the stars,
in the gaps between the meaning, you are there.
 In the melting down of endings,
 in the cooling of the sun,
 in the solstice of the winter, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.

3 In the mystery of my hungers,
in the silence of my rooms,
in the cloud of my unknowing, you are there.
In the empty cave of grieving,
in the desert of my dreams,
in the tunnel of my sorrow, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy One,

The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name.

It sounds like ours.

And we know his story.

It sounds like ours.

For who among us hasn't burned a bridge?

Who among us hasn't forgotten that we belong to one another?

Who among us has not ached for home?

The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name.

Forgive us God. We want to come home.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Family of faith, the word 'prodigal' can be defined as wasteful or imprudent, hence the name, "Prodigal Son." However, 'prodigal' can also be described as extravagant and excessive.

Friends, we worship a prodigal God—a God who is extravagant in mercy and excessive in grace.

For no matter how many times we run, no matter how far we go or how lost we get, God is standing at the end of the driveway waiting for us. The doors are open.

The feast is for you. This grace is extravagant.

Thanks be to God, amen.

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 #120: O Jesus I Have Promised vs. 1

1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

God of open doors,
We often long to come home to you,
to love,
and to ourselves,
but we aren't always sure how to get there.
We know that we need you,
but the road back to you is heavy with distractions.
So if we can dare to be so forward, we pray—
reach into the cacophony of our hearts
and minds and make yourself known.
Quiet everything but your Word for us today.
Leave us awestruck.
Drown out the distractions.
Come as thunder or come as a still, small voice;
we don't care which, we just pray that you will come.
Turn on the light.
Speak through these words.
Find the parts of us that are lost.
With hope we pray, amen

SCRIPTURE READING

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

SERMON:

HYMN VU 147: What Wondrous Love is This

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

- 2 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this,
that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme I will sing.
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

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 421: Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

- 1 Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come.
In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
Our slavery left behind us,
new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.
- 2 Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wandering,
for by your light we come,
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.

3 Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
 We pray our sons and daughters
 may journey to that land
 where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.

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 #212: Sent Out in Jesus Name

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.

POSTLUDE

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

FAMILY NEWS: We are deeply saddened to share with you news of the passing of Jean (nee Barnes) Snelgrove on March 18, 2022. Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Public visitation will take place on April 19 from 2pm-4pm and 7pm-9pm. A funeral service will be held from Barrett's Funeral Chapel on April 20 at 11am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made "In Jean's memory" to Cancer Foundation for Cancer Research or Health Care Foundation.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April	3:	Communion
April	5	CSUC Council Meeting (ZOOM)
April	10:	Palm Sunday
April	10:	CSUC ACM Reports Due
April	17:	Easter and Communion
April	24:	CSUC Worship Service (on-line only)
May	13 - 15:	FDEE ACM (on-line only)
May	15:	Celebrating 140 th Anniversary of CSUC
May	15:	CSUC ACM

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

No Scents Makes Good Sense! A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Thank you for helping.

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>

STUFF THE NEW SHELVES FOR BRIDGES TO HOPE! We are going to fill our shelving with the following items: Canned Beans, Canned Milk, Canned Meats, Mac n Cheese, 1 litre Juice, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Crackers, Cereal. Any other non-perishable food item would be much appreciated. Thank you so much for your support.

Presentation on Renovations to Community Space: Immediately after the worship service On March 27, First Light will be providing a brief presentation on the renovation plans proposed for this year to the community space in the rear of the building.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be on Sunday, May 15, immediately after a short worship service in the sanctuary. More details to follow soon.

ANNUAL REPORTS: Hello Everyone, it is that time of year again! We are getting ready for our annual meeting. Please send your annual report. Harold Grandy has graciously volunteered to put the annual reports together again this year. To help make this as easy as possible, please send them in MS Word format to Harold at hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca BY Sunday, April 10, 2022. If your group has its own bank account, please include your financial statement. Thanks for your help.

FDEE Annual Meeting 2022: First Dawn Eastern Edge will have its annual meeting on-line only from May 13 – 15. Registration is now live on the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council website: <https://ucceast.ca/first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-16/first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-annual-meeting-2022>

Nominations: The United Church has launched a call for nominations (<https://united-church.ca/opportunities>) for the next Executive, the Board of Vocation and a wide range of committees. These groups will carry out the work of the General Council after the 44th General Council in August. Lay people and ministry personnel are needed with a variety of skills who hold a commitment to supporting the work of the United Church. This is a great way to connect with other members, deepen your faith, and concretely support the call and vision of this United Church of ours.

UKRAINE RELIEF M & S Fund Donation: The United Church has partners in Ukraine and has established a fund through the Mission and Service fund to support humanitarian relief in that conflict area. During Lent, Cochrane Street United Church is supporting this national initiative of the church, as we have done on other occasions in the past. Donations marked "Ukrainian Relief" during this period will go towards this effort. We encourage you to support this special M & S campaign during the Sundays of Lent.

SUNFLOWERS IN UKRAINE: The United Church of Canada have a moving prayer for the Ukraine situation entitled *Sunflowers in Ukraine: Praying for a Miracle* at <https://united-church.ca/prayers/sunflowers-ukraine-praying-miracle>

Medjool Dates and Palestinian Olive Oil: Easter is on its way as is Ramadan. Medjool dates are an ideal gift for these occasions. If you are interested in purchasing them, please get in touch with Carmel Conway at 722 0121. If you are interested in Palestinian Olive oil you can obtain it at Gower St United Church or 'Food for Thought on 84 Gower Street'. Both sell for \$20.00

EASTER SEALS NL – Family Winter Fun Day: Our Family Winter Fun Day event is taking place on Sunday, **March 27, from 10am–2pm** (weather pending). Join us for a day of games and crafts, and wrap up the day getting cozy by the fire. To register or learn more about the event, please contact our Interim Recreation Programs Manager, Dayna Penney, at dayna@eastersealsnl.ca or (709) 754-1399 ext 227, or click here: <https://eastersealsnl.ca/the-latest/news/family-winter-fun-day/>

EASTER SEALS NL – 2022 Paper Egg Campaign: Easter Seals NL is excited to announce the launch of our 2022 Paper Egg Campaign! Between March 21st and April 17, 2022, show your support for people with disabilities in the province by purchasing a Paper Egg at participating businesses. All of the funds collected will directly support our programs and services. To learn about the participating locations, where you can purchase an egg, or how to become a partner, go to this website: <https://eastersealsnl.ca/events/paper-egg-campaign/>

LADY COVE – Dream for Me: Sunday, March 27, at 3PM come and enjoy lullabies for reflection and meditation at 81 Cochrane Street. Featuring Eastern Owl, Matthew Byrne, Natasha Blackwood, Leslee Heys, David Buley, James Hurley and Duane Andrews. Tickets: \$25 General Admission; \$20 Senior/Students. Children 12 & under are free. To order tickets : 725-4758 or ladycove.eventbrite.ca

SINFONIA 2 – TERRA NOVA SUITE: The NSO is delighted to partner with the Arts & Culture Centre and **Jeff Johnston Jazz Trio** to present the new work “Terra Nova Suite”. The concert will be conducted by Bill Brennan. Come for a night of toe-tapping fun and hear the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra Sinfonia like never before! This concert will be held at 8:00pm on April 13 at the St. John’s Arts & Culture Centre. Tickets are available at the ACC Box Office (729-3900), and online at www.artsandculturecentre.com.

SPCA St. John’s –Get your pet micro-chipped for only \$30! We are offering a Microchip Special on Saturday, April 2, from 9:00am–12:00pm at [Global Pet Foods NL](http://GlobalPetFoodsNL) on Torbay Road by APPOINTMENT ONLY! To schedule an appointment please email our Volunteer Coordinator, Morgan, at volunteer@spcastjohns.org and she will be in touch with the next steps. Please note payments must be made before appointment time can be given. Payments will be accepted via email transfer or over the phone with Debit Visa or Credit Card.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

More miscellanea

Jan 1918 – Organ recital at Cochrane Street Methodist Church

Apr 1918 – American night at Street Methodist Church

Dec 1918 – Whirlwind campaign exceeds \$12000

