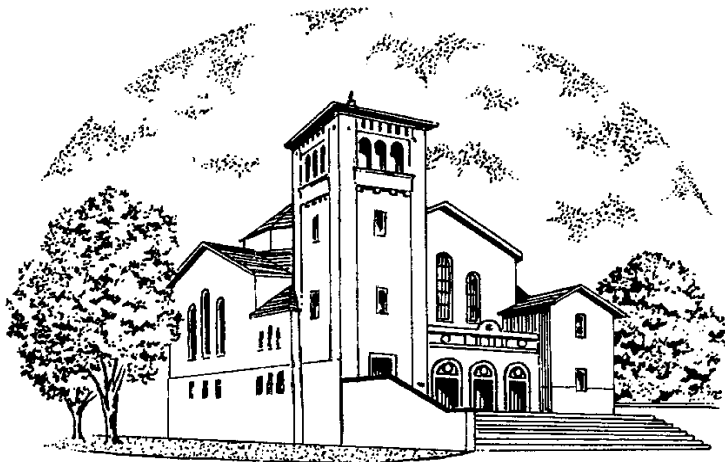


# Cochrane Street United Church

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## May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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# Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

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

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## USHERING TEAM FOR MAY

Roger Crosbie, Jim Austin, Jeff Critch, Jim Oakley

## OFFICE

**Office Hours:**      Tuesdays      9:00 am – 1:30 pm  
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## CONTACT REV. MIRIAM

Have a question or need to make an appointment?

You can reach Rev. Miriam in the following ways:

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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 #4: All Who Are Thirsty**

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,  
come to the fountain.  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.  
We sing  
Come, Lord Jesus, come. **(4X)**

### **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 #18: Lord Prepare Me**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy tried and true; with thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

For the beauty of a country scene

**We praise you Lord for sight**

For the coolness of a mountain stream

**We praise you Lord for touch**

For nightingale in tuneful flow

**We praise you Lord for ears**

For the taste of fruit that we have grown

**We praise you Lord for senses**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Every creature, every plant,  
every rock and grain of sand  
proclaims the glory of its Creator,  
worships through colour, shape,  
scent and form.**

**A multi-sensory song of praise.  
Creator God, may we join  
with the whole of your creation,  
in praising you, our Creator,  
through the fragrance  
and melody of our lives. Amen**

**HYMN VU 226: For the Beauty of the Earth vs. 1, 2, & 4**

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
*REFRAIN:* God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 2 For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light, **R**
- 4 For each perfect gift sublime  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, **R**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Holy One,  
You have given us a world of beauty,  
and we have spoilt it.  
A world to feed us,  
and so many go hungry.  
A world of riches,  
and we are unwilling to share.  
A world to care for,  
and we think only of ourselves.  
Forgive us, gracious God,  
for those times your heart is saddened  
by our selfishness.  
For those times we have no thought  
for others, no cares but ours.  
Enable us to see this world anew  
as a gift from you,  
to be shared and nurtured,  
and those who live upon it  
to be loved and cared for.  
We pray in Jesus' 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**

This is your garden, Creator God,  
a thing of beauty  
beyond understanding,  
a poem that is being written  
not in words  
but in colours,  
wind's whisper,  
soaring bird,  
snowdrop's petal,  
gentle rain,  
sunlight's warmth,  
This is your garden, Creator God,  
A thing of beauty  
beyond our understanding.

## Spring Flower's Bloom...

### 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 it off in the mailbox. You can donate via eTransfer: [csuctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:csuctreasurer@gmail.com). You can sign up for PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) or use the donate button on our website.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN MV #182: Grateful

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.

Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Spring Flowers Bloom...

### GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

God of Courage, be in our speaking.

Be also in our listening,

and speak to our souls' deep understanding.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:44 - 53

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Spring Flowers Bloom...

#### ANTHEM: The Spring Has Come

#### REFLECTION:

#### HYMN VU 703: In the Bulb There Is a Flower vs. 1–3

1 In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

2     There's a song in every silence,  
          seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
          bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
          what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
          something God alone can see.

3     In our end is our beginning;  
          in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
          in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
          at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
          something God alone can see.

### **Spring Flowers Bloom...**

## **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 in 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 296: This Is God's Wondrous World vs. 1–3**

1     This is God's wondrous world,  
and to my listening ears  
          all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is God's wondrous world;  
I rest me in the thought  
          of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
God's hand the wonders wrought.

- 2 This is God's wondrous world:  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,  
God's voice speaks everywhere.
- 3 This is God's wondrous world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

### **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 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**

May 29:	Spring Flower Service
June 5:	Communion
June 11:	CSUC Plant Sale ( <i>more details to follow</i> )
June 19:	Father's Day
June 26:	Rev. Miriam's last service – celebration of ministry together & ending the pastoral relationship

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

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

**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to our volunteers who stuffed envelopes last week. Your time and effort a greatly appreciated!

**SPRING FLOWER SERVICE:** CSUC welcomes you to join us in celebrating our return to Spring with flowers and music on **Sunday, May 29, at 11AM**. The carnations will be put in vases then distributed to senior's homes or to some of our own congregation shut-ins for their continued enjoyment.

**AFTER CHURCH MUG UP:** As part of the ease-back plan for our congregation, an after-worship service mug up will **commence on Sunday, May 29, and continue until the end of June**. Congregation members are asked to bring their coffee or tea in a mug or thermos and enjoy a moment of fellowship on the front steps of Cochrane Street United Church (weather permitting) or at the back of the church before going home. Looking forward to catching up with you all.

**BROADVIEW MAGAZINE (formally Observer):** If you would like to renew your subscription or would like to receive a yearly subscription for the first time, please contact Paula Reynolds at 325-2106 or see me in church on or before May 31, 2022.-- Yearly subscriptions are \$25. You can pay me in cash or by cheque. **Please make cheque payable to "Broadview"**.

**COCHRANE CENTRE AGM:** The AGM for Cochrane Community Outreach and Performance Centre will take place on Tuesday, **May 31 at 7:30pm** at Cochrane Centre. To allow the Centre to get up to date following delays due to Covid-19 public health restrictions, the event will be conducted in two parts as two separate meetings. The first part will be the **AGM for 2020**, and the second will be the AGM for the year 2021. **If you would prefer to attend the meeting(s) virtually please email Cheryl Sullivan-Critch at [cherylsc@hotmail.ca](mailto:cherylsc@hotmail.ca) to make arrangements.**

**COCHRANE STREET UNITED CHURCH PLANT SALE** is Saturday, **June 11**, from **11:00am–2:00pm**. Come visit us on the steps of 81 Cochrane Street to see our indoor & outdoor plants! Or stay for some BBQ – hotdog & drink for \$5! If you have any questions, please contact the church office by Wednesday, June 8, at [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com) or 722-3023.

**SAVE YOUR PLANTS!** Save your houseplants and outdoor plants so that the PLANT SALE can go ahead on Saturday, June 11. Drop off your indoor and outdoor plants on June 11, from 9:30–10:30am. If you need any plants picked up or have further queries, please contact the church office at [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com) or 722-3023. For affordable plant pots, try using 500 gram yogurt or margarine containers and poke holes in the bottom for drainage.

**SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER VOLUNTEER:** Council is seeking a volunteer to be actively engaged in Cochrane Street United Church’s social media platforms (Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Instagram). These are currently managed by Rev. Miriam Bowlby. The successful volunteer will support and update the various platforms on a weekly basis commencing in July 2022. If you are a social media whizz or someone in your household is interested, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com). Rev. Miriam will provide an orientation lesson and what is required to keep them up to date.

**MISSION ARTICULATION PLAN (MAP) TEAM:** Members of the team (Blair Bradbury, Heather McMaster, David Peters, Charlie Pope, and Tim Reynolds) have begun their meetings. The group would be happy to receive input from the congregation on the future priorities and direction of the church. Please feel free to contact any member of the team if you have additional information by speaking to them on Sundays or contacting the church office (722-3023).

**ALL MEMBERS of the EASTERN REGIONS OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA:** Below is a new document entitled “A Congregation as a Whole Being the Governing Body”. This document has been updated, based on The United Church Manual 2022 of The United Church of Canada, for small congregations who are considering having the congregation as a whole being the Governing Body. Approval from the region is needed if using this model of governance.

The new guidelines are found on the regional website under policies, or by using the following link: <https://ucceast.ca/67292-governance-for-a-congregation>. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to be in contact with your Regional Minister, or Rev. Faith March-MacCuish at [fmaccuish@united-church.ca](mailto:fmaccuish@united-church.ca).

**YOUTH SUMMER JOB:** First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Office in St. John's will be hiring a youth this summer to work in our Office, Bookstore and Archives. We were successful in receiving a Canada Summer Jobs grant from Service Canada for 9.5-weeks (Monday-Thursday) beginning Monday, June 27, ending Wednesday, August 31. Interested youths are invited to **send in their resume** by to [fdee@united-church.ca](mailto:fdee@united-church.ca) by **Friday, June 10, 2022**. More details can be found here: <https://ucceast.ca/68996-summer-youth-positions-first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-office-2>

Youth no longer have to be students in the previous and upcoming academic years. In order to be eligible this year, the youth must:

- be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment;
- be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of the employment; and
- have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.

**FIRST DAWN EASTERN EDGE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN** are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the United Church Women. The event will take place September 16-18, 2022. For more information please visit: <https://ucceast.ca/67348-60th-anniversaryof-united-church-women-september-16-18-2022>

**BURRY HEIGHTS CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE:** Living with hope..... Burry Heights Board of Directors invite you to **SAVE THE DATE!!!** Saturday, **September 17**, for Burry Heights Day.

### **FROM OUR PARTNERS AT GUIDE TO THE GOOD**

**Let's Get Digital – A Bit of How-To:** Join Guide to the Good for this free online session developed to make Digital Do-Able for busy entrepreneurs! Date and Time: Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 7pm. Check back to register!

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/guide-to-the-good-masterclass-get-digital-working-for-your-local-company-tickets-341222554847>

**ST. JOHN'S CHOIR SPRING CONCERT:** St. John's Choir invites you to enjoy an afternoon of "classic hits". Join us on Sunday, **June 5**, at **3:00 pm**. at the Anglican Church of the Good Samaritan ([10 St. Clare Ave](#)). Doors open 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or in advance from choir members. Tickets are \$20 (Children under 10 free).

**THE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN OF GOWER** are collecting **gift cards** to donate to The Assoc. of New Canadians to welcome and support the new arrivals from Ukraine and other countries to our province. The cards can be from grocery stores, pharmacies, Walmart or Dollarama and can be for any amount. Gift cards will be collected **until June 15th** and can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the office in an envelope indicating it is for the ANC. The UCW thanks you in advance for your welcoming donation.

**LOBSTER COLD PLATE TAKE-OUT:** Topsail United Church will be holding a Lobster Cold Plate Take Out on Friday, **June 17**, from **4 - 6 PM**. The meal will consist of Lobster, a variety of salads, roll and dessert. Cost will be \$40. Tickets may be purchased from the office by calling (709) 834-4567. No ticket sales at the door. Masks will be required when picking up your meal.

