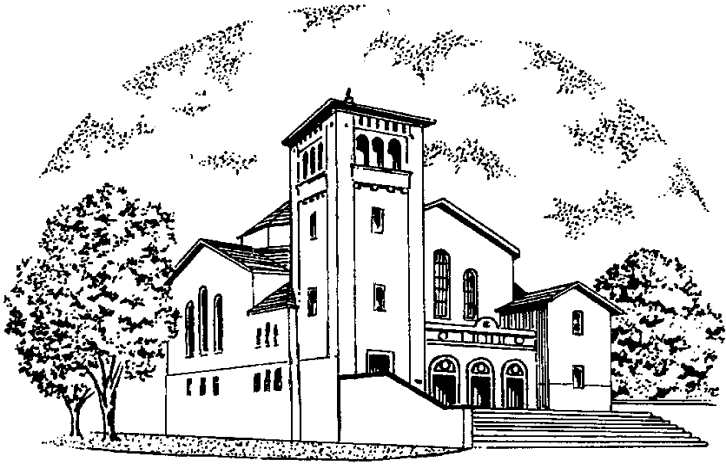


# Cochrane Street United Church

81 Cochrane Street ♦ St. John's, NL ♦ A1C 3L7



## October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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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 OCTOBER

Peter Crosbie, Harris Flight, Sandy Stavlo,  
Brian Johnston, Sandra Garland

## THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET OCTOBER 19 – OCTOBER 25

Tuesday: 7:00 PM Men's Club Mtg Cochrane Street Entrance  
Wednesday: 7:00 PM ZOOM CSUC Council Meeting  
Thursday: 10:00 AM ZOOM Prayer Group

## OFFICE

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# GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*please stand as you are able

## PRELUDE:

**\*INTROIT MV #28: God of the Bible vs. 4**

## **\*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 #96: And When You Call for Me**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

In sacred times of word, wonder, and awe,  
in ordinary days of work and play:

**in every moment, God is with us.**

Whether we are stuck in doubt's mud,  
or standing on faith's shoreline:

**in every place, God is with us.**

In those who teach us and those who trouble us;

in those who surprise us, and those who forgive us:

**in every person, God is with us.**

## **\*PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Ever-present God,

**this day enfolds us and surrounds us:**

**be in our speaking and in our thinking;**

**be in our life and on our lips;**

**be in our hearts and in our souls,**

**today and forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN # 415: God, We Praise You for the Morning vs. 1 & 2**

1 God, we praise you for the morning;  
hope springs forth with each new day,  
new beginning, prayer, and promise,  
joy in work and in play.

2 God, we praise you for creation,  
mountains, seas, and prairie land.  
Waking souls find joy and healing  
in your bountiful hand.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**O God,**

**Come to us like fresh water,  
softening the soil of a parched and weary land.**

**We confess**

**that hurts and disappointments harden our hearts,  
frustrations and failures dry us out,**

**Come to us, God, with life-giving power.**

**Free us from resentment, reluctance, and reserve.**

**Remind us that in your forgiveness we are free.**

**Forgiven, may we be forgiving.**

**In Jesus' name 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**

**HYMN VU 766: As the Deer Pants for Water**

1 As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you;  
you alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield  
to you alone may my spirit yield;  
you alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.

- 2 I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy;  
you alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye. R
- 3 You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a king;  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything! 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](mailto:csuctreasurer@gmail.com). You can sign up for PAR (Pre-Authourized Remittance) or use the donate button on our website.*

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN VU #544: In Gratitude and Humble Trust**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

### **GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

**Eternal God,**

**In the reading of scripture, may your Word be heard;  
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;  
in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Genesis 16:1 - 10**

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

## **RESPONSIVE PSALM 42**

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

**When shall I come and behold the face of God?**

My tears have been my food day and night,  
while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

**These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:**

**how I went with the throng,**

**and led them in procession to the house of God,**

**with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,**

**a multitude keeping festival.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God.

**My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.**

Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts;  
all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

**By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,**

**and at night his song is with me,**

**a prayer to the God of my life.**

I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me?"

Why must I walk about mournfully  
because the enemy oppresses me?"

**As with a deadly wound in my body,**

**my adversaries taunt me,**

**while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Genesis 21:9 - 21**

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

**SOLO: "Your Hands"**

## **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 642: Be Thou My Vision vs. 1&3**

- 1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
- 3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

#### **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 #214: May God's Sheltering Wings

## POSTLUDE

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- Tuesday, October 20, 7pm – Men's Club Meeting in sanctuary  
( Please register online or call the office )
- Wednesday, October 21, 7pm – CSUC Council ZOOM Meeting
- Sunday, November 8, noon – Congregational Meeting  
*to confirm motions passed at the October 14 meeting*

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – PART 2**

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 14. The meeting proceeded but did not have a quorum. A very brief congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2020, immediately after the worship service to confirm the motions that were passed at the October 14 meeting. The draft minutes of the October 14, 2020, Annual Congregation Meeting will be prepared shortly and distributed prior to the November 8 meeting.

## **NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES**

### **A NEW BEGINNING!** First of 9 Parts

After the disastrous fire of January 18, 1914, the Official Board of the church immediately invited bids from architectural firms to submit plans for another Gothic structure. The first meeting was held on January 19, 1914. The bid from Montreal architects Ross and Macdonald was \$160,000 – much more than the insurance of \$40,000 and the \$80,000 that the congregation was willing to commit, especially since \$8,852 was still owed on recent work completed on the first building.