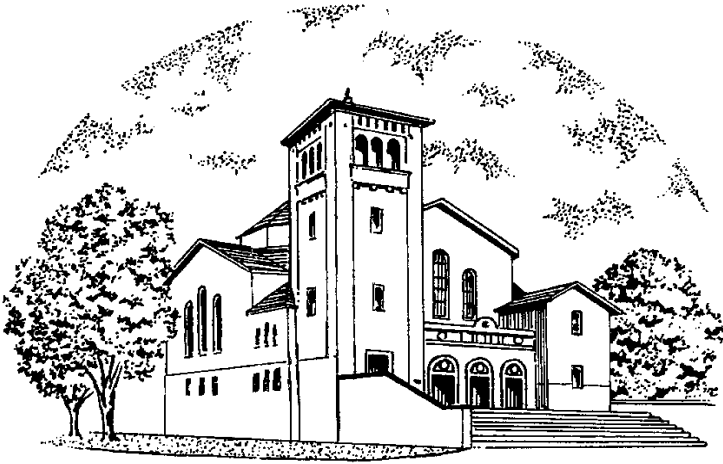


Cochrane Street United Church

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October 10th, 2021 Thanksgiving Sunday

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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 OCTOBER

Ian McMaster, Gerry Penny, Bill Squires, Blair Bradbury

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET OCTOBER 11 –OCTOBER 17

Sunday, Oct 17: 11:00 AM Worship at Cochrane
Sunday, Oct 17: 12:00 PM Path Forward Part 2

OFFICE

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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: God of the Sparrow vs. 6

6 God of the ages God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

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 VU 381: Spirit of Life

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The flaming leaves of autumn

are like the fire of God's spirit.

**The bounty of the fields
is like the fullness of God's love.**

We are surrounded by the beauty of creation.
With thanks and praise in our hearts
let us worship God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

**Creator God,
we come to celebrate the beauty and bounty
of your good earth:
glorious blue skies and blazing fall colours;
fields ripe for harvest;
gardens overflowing with goodness.
Grant us thankful hearts, we pray.
May our prayers and our lives overflow with gratitude.
We offer this worship to your glory, now and always. Amen**

HYMN VU #516: Come, You Thankful People Come vs. 1, 2 & 4

Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
safe before the storms begin;
God, our maker, does provide
for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home!

Even so, God, quickly come
to your final harvest home!
Gather all your people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there for ever purified,
in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
harvests for God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
here for joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Harvest-giver, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude,
the spiritual blindness that prevents us
from appreciating the wonder that is this world,
the endless cycle of nature,
of life and death and rebirth.
Forgive us for taking without giving
reaping without sowing.**

**Open our eyes to see
our lips to praise
our hands to share
May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread
and our footsteps be worthy of following
for they lead to you. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts,
God knows us better than we know ourselves,
and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

By God's mercy, we are forgiven;
by God's mercy, we are made whole;

Thanks be to God. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

HYMN VU 519: Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Sing to the Lord of harvest,
sing songs of love and praise,
with joyful hearts and voices
your hallelujahs raise;

by whom the rolling seasons
in fruitful order move;

sing to the Lord of harvest
a joyful song of love.

Bring to this sacred altar
all things God's goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest,
the souls Christ died to save:
your hearts lay down before him
when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him
who gave his life for all.

God makes the clouds drop fatness,
the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness,
the valleys laugh and sing.

God fills them all with fullness,
all things with large increase,

and crowns the year with goodness,
with plenty and with peace.

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 MV 182 Grateful (chorus)

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

SOLO: "Chosen Family"

Ben James & Jenna Maloney

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy Spirit,

Open our hearts to the story of your love.

Open our minds to new ways of knowing you.

Open our doors to who all you would welcome. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:12 – 16

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Reader: Linda Facey

***RESPONSIVE PSALM 90:1 -2, 12 – 17**

Reader: Linda Facey

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O LORD! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.**

Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:17 - 31

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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 242: Let All Things Now Living

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.
- 2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise:
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

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 886: 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.

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of Bea Pope
From Ed Rodgers,
Edgar Family
Scott and Brenda Oke
Bernard Pike
June Knight
Patricia Young*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 10: Thanksgiving Sunday
October 17: Path Forward Part 2 (Information Session)
November 7: Remembrance Sunday with Communion
November 14: Service of Light (7PM)
November 23: Christmas Decorating (10AM)
November 28: First Sunday of Advent

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Do you remember the wooden chairs in the Sunday School with the seats that folded up? They sure made a lot of noise when all the children stood up and folded up their seats! In 1916, 254 double seats and 28 single fold seats were ordered from Valley City Seating Co. (they provided all the woodwork in the sanctuary) at a cost of "\$1.68 per set". By March 1916, the seats had arrived. The pews were not yet installed but the congregation could now use the gym for services.