

Cochrane Street United Church

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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

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

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 1

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

INTROIT MV #28: God of the Bible vs. 5

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:

Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.

We have come to this place in need for healing and hope.

Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.

We come here seeking guidance and strength.

Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.

Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls

to comprehend your word and follow you faithfully.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Holy God,

In this busy world that we inhabit

grant us space to rest awhile -

by the still waters of your peace,

to hear the whisper of your voice

and feel the warmth of your breeze

within our souls.

Grant us space to rest awhile. Amen

HYMN VU 614: In Suffering Love vs. 1&4

- 1 In suffering love the thread of life
is woven through our care,
for God is with us, not alone
our pain and toil we bear.
- 4 Now to our hearts your joy commit,
into our hands your pain;
so send us out to touch the world
with blessings in your name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Merciful God,
when lashed by life's windstorms
we often lash out in return.
Forgive us when we blame you or others
for our troubles.
Teach us to find you in the eye of the storm.
Show us the calm center
that comes from a word of peace. 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 MV #84: In You There is Refuge

1. In you there is a refuge, in you we find our peace.
When all we know is chaos may our trust in you increase.
In you there is a silence, in you our minds are clear.
When all we hear is discord may your quiet draw us near.
2. In you there is a vision, in you we learn to dream.
When all we see is desert may you be our living stream.
In you there is a future, in you we find our way.
When hope has shed its brightness may you show us a new day.

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 #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

Job 13: 1 - 3, 20 - 28

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSIVE READING:**

Job 19:23 – 27

O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

**O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!**

For I know that my Redeemer lives,

and that at the last he will stand upon the earth

**and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,**

whom I shall see on my side

and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

My heart faints within me!

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 38:1 - 11

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Cannon of Praise

SERMON:

Reflective Music

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Because there is one bread,
we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.

In Christ, God breaks down the walls
that make us strangers to ourselves,
and divide us from one another.

We are the body of Christ.

At this table we bear witness to our faith.

**At this table, God brings wholeness out of brokenness,
and healing to our world.**

Let us break bread together.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God, Source of all,
we thank and praise you with our lips and with our lives,
that, having created us and all things through your Word,
you welcome our prayer and praise.

For the goodness of creation
and the glory of redemption,
we praise you.

For the law of holiness, inviting our obedience,
and the call of prophets, rebuking our disobedience,
we praise you.

Therefore, with all that is, seen and unseen,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
we join in this hymn of praise and thanksgiving:

**Holy, holy, holy God,
power of life and love!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna through the ages!
Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!**

Loving God, Holy One, Holy Three
we offer you praise and thanksgiving over this bread and cup,
because in Jesus Christ, your only Son,
you have joined yourself forever to us,
uniting heaven and earth.

Now, therefore, we gratefully remember:
Jesus' birth into our humanity,
baptism for our sin,
compassion for our suffering,
intimacy with our frailty,
rebuke of our pride,
bearing of the cross with its death,
and rising from the tomb by the power of God.

On the night before he died,
it was Jesus who took a loaf of bread,
gave you thanks, broke it, and said,
"Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me."
Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying,
"This is the new covenant; remember me."

**Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Loving God, creative Power,
blessing your name, we seek your Spirit.
Come to us and bless these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ;
the sign and seal of our forgiveness in him,

and our adoption as the children of God.
As we eat and drink together,
make us one with Christ and one in Christ,
a sign of his eternal reign in all the world.

This sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
we offer you, loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen

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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

The bread we break

Is our sharing in the life of Christ.

The cup for which we give thanks

Is our sharing in the life of Christ.

Prayer After Communion

**We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness;
that wine poured out replenishes;
that time spent with the Risen Christ
and one another is gift and grace. Amen**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

HYMN MV #83: Let My Spirit Always Sing vs. 1&4

1. Let my spirit always sing,
though my heart be wintering,
though the season of despair
give no sign that you are there,
God to whom my days belong,
let there always be a song.

4. Let my spirit always sing,
to your Spirit answering,
through the silence, through the pain
know my hope is not in vain,
like a feather on your breath
trust your love, through life and death.

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

NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE! A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Thank you for helping create a safe environment in which we can all fully participate.

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

VACATION: Rev. Miriam will be away from **October 26 to November 1**. Rev. Bill Mercer will be covering all funerals and pastoral emergencies during that time period. He can be reached 709-579-3682.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- October 25 – Communion Sunday 11 am
- October 29 – ZOOM Prayer Group 10 am
- November 8 – Remembrance Sunday 11 am
- November 8 – Congregational Meeting, after service
- November 17 – Picnic Under the Dome 5:30 pm
- November 22 – Celebration of Light Service 7 pm
- November 29 – First Sunday of Advent 11 am
- November 29 – Christmas on Cochrane 5 pm

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – PART 2

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on 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.

CHOIR: For anyone wishing to join the choir, please contact Evan at Evan.watts.smith@gmail.com

2020 CHURCH CALENDARS will be available later this Fall at a cost of \$6.00. If anyone is interested, please contact the Church Office (722-3023, info@cochranestreetuc.com) as soon as possible to place an order. They are going fast - only 13 left!

Envelopes: Do you need envelopes? If so, please contact Harold Grandy at hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca.

FIRST LIGHT SHELTER: First Light is seeking the following donations for our residents: reusable masks, women's & men's deodorant, shaving cream, shampoo, soap, combs, brushes, nail clippers, and toothbrushes. Donations can be dropped off at 716 Water Street, or call 726-5970 with any questions.

Cowan Heights United Church is open for safe, sanitized, and socially-distanced worship and has a new service on **Saturday evenings at 5:00 p.m.** We would love to see our dear friends from neighbouring United Churches join us as well. You will also have the opportunity to hear our soloists, Abra Whitney and Noelle Slaney, as they sing the great hymns of our faith. To register, please visit our church website, www.cowanheightsunited.ca or call the church office (709) 745-2871. We look forward to welcoming you!

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OCTOBER 19 - 25

It's Waste Reduction Week and on behalf of Green Depots across the province, we want to thank you for recycling and keeping beverage containers out of our landfills!

Ever wonder what happens to your beverage containers when you support your local Green Depot? All plastic containers are purchased by Hebert's Recycling Incorporated and ground into flakes/chips at their facility in Mount Pearl. These flakes/chips are sold to various manufacturers in North America, who use them for the production of new products.

Learn what's not accepted and why at <http://greendepotnl.ca/recycling-101/prepare-your-containers/>.

CSC NL launches a new employment program - Finders Keepers: We are recruiting 9 people on the Northeast Avalon between the ages of 19-29 who are facing employment barriers, who would like to build career skills and knowledge and get matched with a job for up to 19 weeks. We are also seeking employer partners from the Northeast Avalon to participate in this new program. [Learn more and apply today!](#)

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

A NEW BEGINNING! Second of 9 Parts

A. J. Carman Paine was the son of the church's former minister, Rev. George Paine. He was an architect in Montreal at this time and was the church's contact with the architectural firm of Ross and MacDonald. It was felt that because the congregation was non-conformist, that is, Protestant but not Church of England, the building's architecture should fit more with the form of worship where everyone was in easy reach of the minister in an auditorium type of setting.

