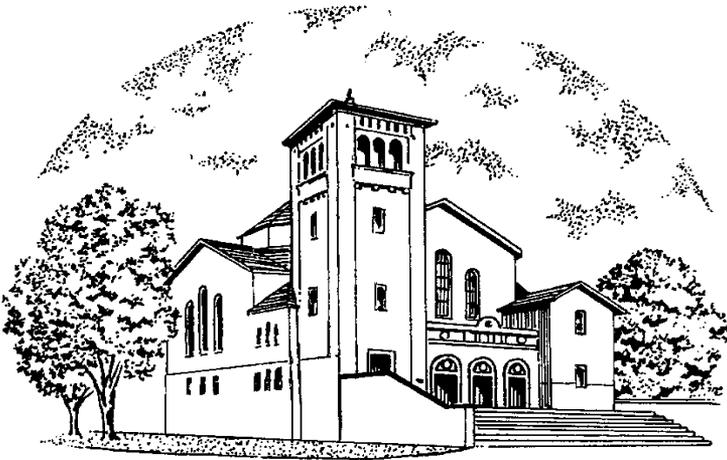


Cochrane Street United Church

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



September 19th, 2021

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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 SEPTEMBER

Jalna McMaster, Fraser Ellis, Jo Anne Kelly, David Molyneux

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET SEPTEMBER 20 – SEPTEMBER 26

Sunday: 11:00 AM Worship at Cochrane
Tuesday: 7:00 PM ZOOM CSUC Council Meeting

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
Thursdays 11:30 am – 4:00 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: VU 229 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:

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.

We come to celebrate God's presence,
and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,
and the life we are called to live.

We come as a pilgrim people
searching for ways to live out our faith.

We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Creator of all things,

Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End.

Whose love poured out mends broken hearts.

Whose wounded hands reach out to all.

Whose Spirit waits to enter in.

You are the everything that we desire.

Be with us now.

Bless us that we might be

a blessing to others. Amen.

HYMN VU 288: Great Is Thy Faithfulness vs 1 & 3

1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. R

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

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

We confess

that hurts and disappointments harden our hearts,
frustration 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:

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.

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

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

**Holy God,
You speak to us in many ways,
through rushing wind or still small voice,
in Scripture's Word and through your Grace.
Help us hear your voice above the clamour of this world,
recognize the difference and follow only you. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:30 - 37

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

HYMN MV 154: Deep in our Hearts vs. 1, 2 & 3

1. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.
2. Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.
3. Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

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 424: May the God of Hope

- 1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.
- 2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**

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.

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of Joan Fuller
From Brenda & Larry Abbott*

*In Loving Memory of Miss Joan Fuller
From Jody Davis*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- September 19: The Path Forward Information Session
(immediately after worship service)
- September 21 ZOOM CSUC Council Meeting, 7pm
- September 26: United Communities of Faith Picnic, after worship service
- October 2: Fall Plant & Harvest Sale, 11AM – 1:00pm
81 Cochrane Street

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.

THE PATH FORWARD INFORMATION SESSION: On September 19, immediately after Worship Service, the Church Council wishes to begin a conversation about the path forward for the congregation. Over the past year, the Council has been monitoring the many aspects of our church life, including our ministries, finances, volunteering, and activities. It is the Council's view that we are at a critical juncture and we need to have a conversation about how we intend to move forward as a congregation. The Council views this journey as a number of conversations which will most likely result in a congregational meeting to make decisions on how we should proceed. Council looks forward to your participation in this conversation.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH PICNIC: Plans are in place to hold a joint UCOF church picnic at Rotary Sunshine Park on Sunday, September 26, 2021. The Picnic Coordinating Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with the event. In particular, volunteers are needed for games and assisting in cooking and/or serving. If you can assist, please contact Bill Evan's at billevans3237@gmail.com.

FALL PLANT AND HARVEST SALE: Our fall plant and harvest sale is **Saturday, October 2**, from **11:00am–1:00pm**. Drop off your indoor and outdoor plants and chutneys, relishes, jams and marmalades at 81 Cochrane Street on October 2, from 9:30–10:30am. If you need your plants picked up, please contact the church office by Wednesday, September 29, at info@cochranestreetuc.com or 722-3023.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Board of Stewards: May 17, 1916: "Mr Cushman from the Valley City Seating Company, Toronto, has reached the city while the SS *Tobasco* with the pews, communion rail / platform, pulpit and minister's platform, choir screen and trichairs, organ screen and components is due this morning."

And on June 6, 1916: "Mr Cushman installed seats, pulpit, etc. but not the organ screen."

(These components cost \$4275 in 1916 and in today's dollars they would cost \$81, 581.)