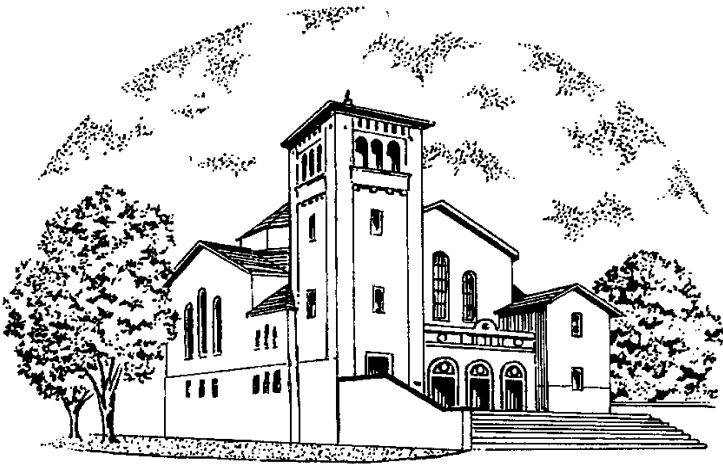


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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*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 166: Joy Comes with the Dawn vs. 3

REFRAIN: Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.

We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise,
to the One who brings us grace. **R**

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 179: Hallelujah Give Thanks to the Risen Christ vs. 4

REFRAIN: Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.

Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour. **R**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

This is the season of Easter:
the celebration of resurrection,
the festival of hope,
the promise of new beginnings,
the dance of faith,
the song of joy,
the music of gladness,
the hymn of love.
Let us worship our life-giving God!

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

**God, alive and among us this day,
to you no door is closed,
to you no heart is locked;
draw us beyond our doubts and fears,
till we see the risen Christ
and say in our hearts, "We believe." Amen.**

HYMN VU 158: Christ Is Alive

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.
- 3 In every insult, rift, and war,
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Let us confess our shortcomings,
recalling the words of Christ:

Jesus said, "Peace be with you."

**Yet sometimes we sow discord,
neglecting to make peace with our sisters and brothers.**

Jesus said, "As God has sent me, so I send you."

**Yet sometimes we refuse to go, fearing to follow
unknown paths of faith.**

Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

But we turn away, rejecting the gifts of the Spirit.

Forgive us, blessed God,
in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

As the sun melts the ice in spring,
as blossoms burst forth on dry branches—
so God's warmth heals and transforms
the deadness and brokenness within us.

In Christ we are a forgiven people!

Thanks be to God. Amen

LEARNING TOGETHER

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 159: The Strife is O'er vs. 4

On the third morn he rose again,
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain, hallelujah!

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

Acts 5:27 - 32

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

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REFRAIN: Praise to the Lord, hallelujah!
Everybody praise the Lord

Praise God in the holy temple!
Praise God for mighty deeds!
Praise God for bountiful mercies,
Praise God who meets all our needs! R

Praise God with sound of trumpet!
Praise God with lute and harp!
Praise God with timbrel and dancing!
Praise God wherever you are! R

Praise God with holy cymbals!
Praise God with strings and with pipes!
Praise God with clash of cymbals!
Praise God with all your might! R

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19 - 31

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

ANTHEM:

SERMON:

HYMN MV 138: My Love Colours Outside the Lines

1. My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places
where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

REFRAIN: We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the grave-stones if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

2. My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places
where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines. **R**
3. My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before
Throw open doors to worlds outside the lines. **R**

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 420: Go to the World

- 1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 2 Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

- 3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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 #164: The Day of Resurrection vs. 1

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

POSTLUDE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April	24:	CSUC Worship Service (on-line only)
May	01:	In-Person Worship Service led by Tim Reynolds Guest Music Leader, Maggie Power
May	13 - 15:	FDEE ACM (on-line only)
May	15:	Celebrating 140 th Anniversary of CSUC
May	15:	CSUC ACM
June	11:	CSUC Plant Sale (<i>more details to follow</i>)

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

Rev. Miriam is on Vacation and Study Leave from April 18–May 1. If there is an emergency while she is off, please contact Rev. James Ravenscroft at St. James United Church. He can be reached at 709-351-0983. On April 24th, Rev. Miriam and Evan have pre-recorded an on-line service. On May 1st, Tim Reynolds will lead our Sunday worship service and Maggie Power will be our guest music leader.

Seeking 2022 Church Council Members: The Church Council is seeking members of the congregation to sit on the 2022 Church Council. This is necessary to ensure compliance with the United Church governance requirement and to provide the continued leadership of our church, particularly in the coming year. The Church Council generally meets monthly in the evenings. If you are interested in being part of the Church Council, please email the Council Chair, Stephen B. Jewczyk at sjewczyk@gmail.com or telephone 763-3213.

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 have been developed for several years and 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 in managing our social media platforms, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com. Rev. Miriam will provide an orientation lesson and what is required to keep them up to date.

BRIDGES TO HOPE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The Bridges to Hope AGM will take place on **Monday, May 16th** at Wesley United Church. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting, which will begin at 7:00 pm.

Youth Forum 2022: We are gauging interest for an in-person Youth Forum event! The event would be the weekend of June 4th for youth of our region age 12-18. There will be limited capacity, so keep an eye out for registration! Clergy, youth, parent, leaders – please fill out the survey. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzZJxVFFLkUxPErLBiD1sNmfwqlrTqbmUDaNb2xZk7Eqjvaw/viewform>. Any questions, please contact Catherine at cstuart@united-church.ca.

Hot Stuffed Chicken, Take-Out Dinner (prepared by Coffee Matters): Order for pick-up at St. James United Church on April 30 (or for delivery to those unable to do so), for only \$18. Payment Deadline: April 25. To order, call 722-1881. After hours, please leave a message or email info@stjamesuc.org. Get involved and have some fun! Please contact Robin at 682-3927 (or text), robinbartlett1224@gmail.com or 754-5409. Public Health guidelines of sanitizing and distancing will be followed.. See Cochrane Street United Church's congregational email for further details.