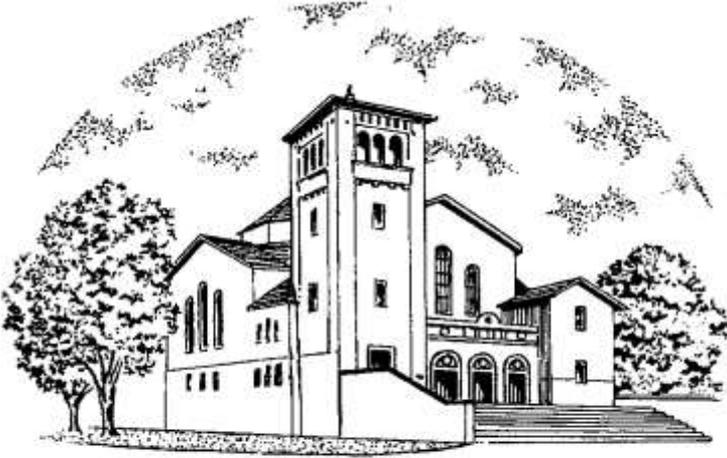


Cochrane Street United Church

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April 16th, 2023

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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:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.

INTROIT 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.

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE & PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Radiant God, you have come into our lives in the mystery of the Risen Christ.

Each new day reminds us of the light that dwells within us – the light You have placed deep in our hearts

We light the Christ candle, remembering that we are made of light and love.

We remember that we are called to bring light and love to others, to the whole world. Thanks be! Hallelujah!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC VU 175: "This is the Day That God Has Made"

REFRAIN: This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,

Let us lay aside all of the weights and worries and sins that cling to us so closely.

Let us move forward with perseverance into the days that are before us.

Let us look to Jesus the Forerunner and the Perfector of our Faith. Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Creator God, in every generation you call your people to contend against the brutality of sin and betrayal. We offer you our worship this day and pray that through the fellowship we spend together here, that you will keep us sure and steadfast, even in our fear and uncertainty, that we may follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Amen.

***HYMN: Joyful, Joyful We Adore you # 232 VU**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Before we can truly listen to God we need to let the Spirit break through all our defences: the excuses we make; the sins that have become too comfortable; the broken relationships we are too proud to mend; the pretensions we wish to protect. In confession before our God, let us seek His forgiveness and guidance.

Gracious and loving God, so many times in our lives have we betrayed You and Your way for us.

We think of the love that we have denied others; we think of the indifference we have shown toward Your children and toward Your world; we remember the pain we have caused, intentionally and unintentionally.

All of these are betrayals of Your love; therefore, we turn to You seeking Your forgiveness and Your guidance in our renewal. Help us to rediscover and reclaim Your way for our lives that we might remain faithful in all we say and do.

For our sake, and in Jesus's name we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

God comes to us in our darkest night, when our spirits are troubled and we know not where to turn. God delivers us and supports us.

In saving love, God grants us the perspective to weave the pieces of our lives back together and make us whole. We are a loved and forgiven people. Thanks be to God. Amen

LEARNING TOGETHER: Earth 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 537: “Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands”

- 1 Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.
- 2 Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

God who is constantly giving to us, we pray that you accept these gifts, and use them to widen your circle of love until it encompasses all of creation. Amen.

GOD’S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

God of and for all time, may the wonder, awe and mystery of Your word, as made manifest to us in Holy Scripture, enlighten us, direct us and envelop us with Your love as we hear it read this morning. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5: 27 - 32

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSIVE PSALM 116 VU: page 836**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19 - 31

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

SERMON: Thomas: Failure or Example?

***HYMN: Lord, You Give the Great Commission # 512 VU**

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: Filled With the Spirit's Power # 194 VU**

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 198: Come, O Spirit , Dwell Among Us (vs. 1)

1 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,
come with pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision,
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.

POSTLUDE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

APR 16:	CSUC – Bert Riggs
APR 23:	Rev. Oliver Dingwell Cowan Heights to join CSUC COMMUNION & ACM
APR 30:	CSUC – Betty Barnes
MAY 7:	CSUC – Charlotte & Stephen Jewczyk
May 14:	CSUC – Bert Riggs <i>Mother's Day</i>
MAY 21:	CSUC – David Petersj
MAY 28:	CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursej <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>
JUN 10:	Spring Flower Sale (weather dependent)

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

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.

PASTORAL COVERAGE FOR CSUC: While Cochrane Street United Church is without a minister, Rev. Oliver Dingwell will be covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals. PLEASE BE ADVISED that the church office was made aware on Thursday, April 13, that Rev. Oliver has been on vacation after Easter and returning to the office on Monday, April 17. While he is away, the Rev. Rebecca Pike will be covering all pastoral emergencies. You can reach her by phone at (709) 753-7286 or by email at Rebecca.pike@nl.rogers.com.

National Volunteer Week April 16- 21, 2023

THANK YOU! The church runs on volunteers. We couldn't live out our mission and ministry without your contribution of time and talent. Whether it is ushers on Sunday mornings, members of the choir or council members, or group leaders and members — all together we give up our time and energy to keep our church at work in the community! Thank you all for your amazing contributions to the life of our congregation and for the way you make a difference!

Worship service will be held in the community hall: We are continuing to have furnace problems, so the sanctuary continues to be cold. Until all repairs have been completed, we encourage using the Bannerman Entrance door. Bannerman parking lot and the path from Stewart Ave Entrance to the Bannerman parking lot have been well cleared. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

The next Gower Service and Social Club Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Gower Lecture Hall. The menu is a chicken dinner (cost \$15; students \$10.00), with vegetables and dessert. The program is a presentation on NL Panoramas, a slide-show presented by Ken Butt. Those interested in attending should email President Bert Riggs at briggs@mun.ca by noon on Sunday, April 16.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (ACM): The CSUC ACM will be held in person on Sunday April 23, 2023, after the Sunday worship service and fellowship time in the community space. The annual report will be made available both in hard copy and electronically shortly.

BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH: For each month of 2023, Bridges To Hope is suggesting a food item for members of our partner congregations to consider for donation. These are staples that will go a long way to ensuring that hampers can be filled. **For the month of April, we are suggesting Canned Pasta** (Ravioli, SpaghettiOs, etc.). Of course all donations of any kind are very much appreciated. Thank you for your support!

Weekly "Flyer" Specials – Useful items for Bridges To Hope – April 13-19, 2023

Sobeys – Aylmer Tomatoes or Compliments Pasta Sauce – 2/\$3.00

Dominion – **Kraft Peanut Butter – 750g-1K - \$5.99

Colemans – Mr. Noodles – 2/\$1.00

Walmart – Lancia Pasta - \$1.27

Canada Red Pasta Sauce - \$1.27

Lawtons – Clover Leaf Tuna – 4/\$5.50

Shoppers Drug Mart – Crest/Colgate Toothpaste - \$0.88

*** PC Optimum member price*

SPRING FLOWER SALE: We are getting ready for our Spring Flower Sale which is tentatively scheduled for June 10th. As you begin to set up your garden for the summer, please keep our need for plants for the sale.

COFFEE TIME HOSTS: We are looking for people to volunteer as hosts for Coffee Time after church. Just tea and coffee is fine – no need to provide juice or snacks. We have volunteers for April. If you are willing to help host, please contact the office (722-3023). Don't know what to do? No problem. We can help you out by pairing you with someone who has done it before or just giving you an orientation. Your help is very much appreciated! If you are unable to participate, monetary donations are welcomed.

SEEKING 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS: The Church Council is seeking members of the congregation to sit on the 2023 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 which is a pivotal year for Cochrane Street. The Church Council generally meets monthly in the evenings. There will be a number of vacancies on Council in the coming year as a number of members who have served are stepping down. If you are interested in being

part of the Church Council, please email the Council Chair, Stephen B. Jewczyk (sjewczyk@gmail.com; telephone 763-3213) or Brian Johnston at bjohnston@nl.rogers.com.

VOLUNTEER REQUEST: Council has started the updating of the Historical Roll for CSUC. This project is a requirement for all pastoral charges. Linda Bowden, CSUC's archivist, is providing invaluable information and leadership for the project. Volunteers are reviewing the lists of persons on the Roll and contributing valuable additional information to Council. Anyone interested in assisting with the project should contact Brian Johnston who is the lead for Council with this project, through the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

FLIPPER DINNERS ARE BACK!: Wesley United Church is planning to hold two flipper dinners with dessert, tea and coffee this year, on **May 11th and June 1st** starting at **5:30 pm**. To reserve your tickets please contact Marvin (579-7900) or marvin.barnes1955@gmail.com or Pheobe (726-1689). You can also contact the Church office at 579-3682 or info@wesleychurch.ca.

CHANGES – An Afternoon Of Song: On **May 28, 2–4:30pm**, **Evan Smith** (vocals/piano) is joined by the incredible Holly Daley (vocals) & Tiffany Pinhorn Smith (vocals) at Sláinte on 115 Duckworth! They will perform their own unique arrangements of songs by some of the world's most cherished musical artists including The Beatles, Brandi Carlile, David Bowie, Joni Mitchell & more! Be the first audience to hear some of Evan's original songs. There's even a surprise special guest! Spend the afternoon with friends and family enjoying local artists and delicious food & drinks while taking in the gorgeous harbour view - at Sláinte!" **TICKETS \$37.49:**

<https://www.showpass.com/changes-an-afternoon-of-song/>



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to
Judy Snødden and her family.
Her husband, Walter, passed away Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

