

Cochrane Street United Church

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St. John's, NL



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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 MARCH

Ian McMaster, Gerry Penny, Bill Squires, Blair Bradbury

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Thursdays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Fridays 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

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709-754-2532 or info@cochranecentre.ca

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND FUNERALS

Rev. Oliver Dingwell will cover all pastoral emergencies and funerals.
He can be reached at (709) 640-4632

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

**bold is in unison

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.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna # 123 VU**

***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 #128: Sanna, Sannanina**

Sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna,

Sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna,

Sanna, sanna, sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna,

Sanna, sanna, sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Eternal God, this morning we have come to cheer you on. We can feel the excitement of the crowds who welcomed Jesus with such joy, and

we want to join in, to share their hope, remembering your promise of a Saviour. Bless us as we greet your Son, who arrives now. In his name we pray. Amen

LENTEN SYMBOLS – Palm Branches

Today we join the great crowd of people who eagerly await Jesus. Fulfilling what was said by the prophet, Jesus humbly entered the holy city by riding on the back of a donkey. The crowds were filled with joy, excitement and anticipation. Yet within a week they scattered, disillusioned and frightened, unwilling to commit themselves beyond a superficial level.

We, too, long to join the triumphal procession only to find ourselves burdened by the past, fearful of the future and unwilling to accept the way of the cross.

We place on the cross branches from palm trees as a reminder of the welcome offered to our Lord as he travelled on the way of the cross.

(A candle is extinguished and palm branches hung from the cross)

PRAYER:

O God, in Jesus Christ you triumphantly entered Jerusalem, thus beginning a week of pain and sorrow. In these days of defeat and victory, you have brought together humiliation and exaltation, death and resurrection. Be with us now, as we follow in joy and in sorrow the way of the cross, in the footsteps of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

***HYMN: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (vs 1 & 5) # 121 VU**

Tree of Life and awesome mystery,	Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
in your death we are reborn,	stumbling though our steps may be,
though you die in all of history,	one with you in joy and sorrow,
still you rise with every morn,	we the river, you the sea,
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, whose coming was greeted by a show of palms and shouts of praise: we confess we, too, make a joyful noise at your coming, but turn our backs on discipleship. We want to serve you with our lips, but not our lives. We say we will follow where ever you go, but when others disapprove, we follow the crowd. Forgive us O God, when our faith is timid and faltering. Help us praise you, not only with our lips, but also with our lives.

(Richard Miller then at Porcupine, Ont)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

We are a people on a journey which takes us down the Palm Sunday road, to the cross of forgiveness and the promise of new life. Accept this as the Good News of redemption.

“Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord” We commit ourselves to continue the journey as people who are loved and forgiven. Amen

LEARNING TOGETHER

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN VU # 149: When I Survey (vs 4)**

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Gifts: clothes strewn in his path; a carpet of palm branches... Tokens of loyalty, tokens of enthusiasm. Our gifts: tokens of thanksgiving, tokens of commitment, instruments of compassion and service. As you blessed your Holy One, O God, bless these gifts now for they are given in remembrance of him. Amen

(David Sparks, then at First Church U.C. Thunder Bay)

GOD’S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Loving God, you speak to us in so many ways: in the song of a bird, in the babbling of a brook, in the voices of our friends, in the hug from Mom or Dad, in the songs we sing, and in the stories of the Bible. Speak to us now through the reading of scripture. Help us to hear your voice and follow the way of Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Reader: Patricia Young

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

***RESPONSIVE PSALM 31:**

VU # 758, (Part One 9-14, Part Two 15-16)

Reader: Patricia Young

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2: 5-11

Reader: Patricia Young

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 21: 1-11

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ – **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN:**

Ride On! Ride on in Majesty

127 VU

SERMON:

ANTHEM: Ride On, *by Grayston Ives*
GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER (VU # 921)

***HYMN:** All Glory, Laud and Honour # 122 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.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

May the blessing of God give us strength for the journey;
may the Spirit of wisdom give us vision for the road;
may the love of Christ make us caring companions;
as together we go forth in the Lenten time. Amen.

SUNG BENEDICTION VU #430: God Be in My Head

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

***POSTLUDE**

***PASTORAL COVERAGE FOR CSUC:** While Cochrane Street United Church is without a minister, Rev. Oliver Dingwell will be covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals. He can be reached at (709) 640-4632 or by email at: odingwell@cowanheightsunited.ca. If Rev. Oliver is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds pt2reynolds@gmail.com.*

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 3	Holy Monday 7:30 PM	George Street United Church
April 4	Holy Tuesday 7:30 PM	Gower Street United Church
April 5	Holy Wednesday 7:30 PM	Wesley United Church
April 6	Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM	Cowan Heights United Church

April 7 Good Friday 12 PM
(7 Words from the Cross)

Cowan Heights United Church

April 8 Easter Eve 7:30 PM

St. James United Church

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

APR 02: **Palm Sunday**

CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey

APR 07: **Good Friday Service**

***Held at Cowan Heights United (*NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION*)**

Hosted by CSUC

All St. John's & Mt Pearl churches to join CSUC (12pm -3pm)

APR 09: **EASTER SUNDAY & COMMUNION**

CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey

APR 16: CSUC – Bert Riggs

APR 23: Rev. Oliver Dingwell

Cowan Heights to join CSUC

COMMUNION & ACM

APR 30: CSUC – Betty Barnes

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.

OUR EASTER MAILOUT is ready for pick up, located in the community space. Please help us save on delivery costs by bringing envelopes to those who live in your neighbourhood. Your help is very much appreciated!

A Big Thank You to our volunteers who recently helped stuff envelopes! Your time and effort is always appreciated.

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 a volunteer for March. 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 kbjohnston@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.

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 **"Specials"** March 30 to April 5, 2023 – Useful items for Bridges To Hope:

- Sobeys – Compliments Canned Vegetables - \$0.99
- Dominion – Graves Apple Juice - \$0.99
- No Frills – Lantic Sugar - \$1.77
- Pipers – Tropic Isle Mandarin Orange Segments - \$0.99
- Colemans – Jello Jelly Powders - \$0.88

UCW SPRING TEA: St. James Untied Church is having a Spring Tea & Bake Stall sponsored by the UCW. Come join us in the auditorium on **April 1st from 2pm-4pm**. Cost \$8. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from UCW members. Donations of baked goods would be most appreciated. We also ask if everyone can please bring their own shopping bag.

rs: Barbara Butt: (709) 687-1041 Sheilah Beckett: (709) 726-7421

FLUVARIUM EASTER EVENT: April 8th, from 10 am–4 pm, the Fluvarium will be open for walk-ins to meet the easter bunny, get their face painted, hunt for chocolate eggs, sit for story time, enjoy a craft and more! \$6.00 per person 1 year and up, no tickets needed. A concession stand will be open from 11am–4pm so you can enjoy some lunch while you play!

<https://fb.me/e/14tFUCU27> RVSP here for your reminders!

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.

Hosanna!

