

Cochrane Street United Church

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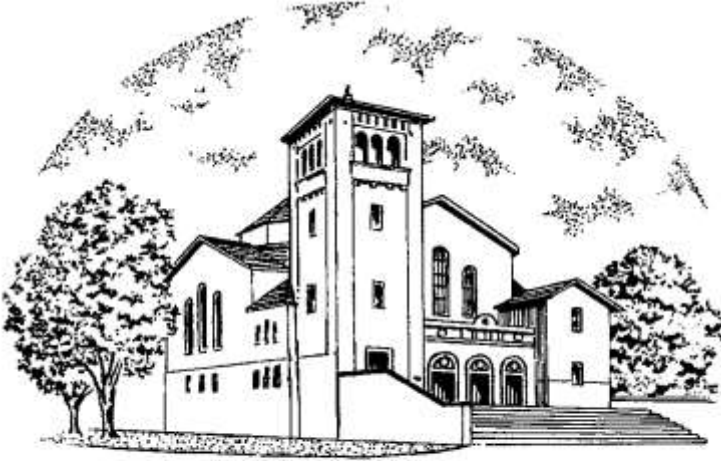


St. John's, NL



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April 30th, 2023
4th Sunday After Easter

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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 APRIL

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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Website: www.cochranestreetuc.com

Cochrane Centre Contact information for bookings
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.

INTROIT VU #260: God who Gives to Life its Goodness (vs 1)

1 God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
God who gives to us our freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances
for the goodness of its King.

***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 #187: The Spring Has Come (vs 1)**

1 The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.

New light, new day,

the spring has come, let all the church be part of it!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

In the laughter of children,
we hear the voice of the Gate of the Way,
and find our way home.

In the lap of a parent,

God's compassion cradles us in the still waters of love.

The Shepherd of our lives leads us through that door into life
with him forever.

**We are baptized with living waters which refresh us,
restoring us to follow Jesus all our days.**

The Holy Spirit, is the Light which guides us
through every shadowed moment.

**The Breath of life stills our worries and fears,
as we are led to that peaceful place of God's heart.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Christ is the door by which we enter your new order,

**O God; he is the source of our comfort, and the anchor of our
faith. Through him you have shown us the way unto the land of
your promise, where peace is eternal and grace has no bounds.**

As we enter this sanctuary in worship and praise,

**may we be aware of your presence. May we join in a community
of care where the needs of each are the concern of all. Equip us
to do the work of faith, to share the good news with all who seek.**

***HYMN:**

Joy comes With the Dawn

166 VU

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gate of our lives,

you know how easy it is to follow the wrong paths.

**We can make the careless choice to listen to foolish rhetoric,
and not to the wisest among us.**

**We continue to make the mistake of thinking that having faith
means we no longer need to be careful of the voice we follow.**

**We would rather stir the waters of trouble
than to stay at home, safe and content.**

**And while we have no trouble locking the doors of our hearts,
we increasingly grow weary of our fears.**

Forgive us, our Goodness and Mercy.

**May our hearts overflow with hope for others,
as you anoint us with healing oil of grace.**

May we share from our abundance of caution

with all who hunger.

May we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour,
to the places of service and life with you forever. *(Silence is kept)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Our Comforter leads us to that place where God's Table is spread with forgiveness and overflowing with grace. Here, we are called to life and love.

We will live as God's people: forgiven to serve, blessed to share, loved so we might care. Thanks be to God. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN VU # 540: Grant Us, God, the Grace**

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

We hear the voice of Jesus, the Shepherd, O God, and seek to follow his course for our lives. We bring our gifts now before you as results of our search. Accept them and use them so that others may join in the quest. Bring others to the gates of your promised land, and let them hear you calling them to come, enter in.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Eternal God,
in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown.
Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 42-47

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

***SUNG PSALM 23 VU:**

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2: 19-25

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

GOSPEL LESSON:

John 10: 1-10

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

***HYMN: Give to Us Laughter # 624 VU**
SERMON:

ANTHEM: True Light, by Keith Hampton

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

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

***HYMN: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks # 179 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

SUNG BENEDICTION VU #424: May The God of Hope

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

REFRAIN: 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.

***POSTLUDE**

Please take your bulletins with you when you leave the pew.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

APR 30:	CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey	MAY 28:	CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey
MAY 7:	CSUC – Charlotte & Stephen Jewczyk		<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>
MAY 14:	CSUC – Bert Riggs	JUN 10	Annual Summer Plant Sale
	<i>Mother's Day</i>		10am – 2pm
MAY 21:	CSUC – David Peters		81 Cochrane Street Patio

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 add an announcement, please have it into the office by Thursday at noon.

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.

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.

Next Meeting of Church Council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2023. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Stephen Jewczyk, Past Council Chair, at sjewczyk@gmail.com.

BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH: For the month of April, we are suggesting Canned Pasta (Ravioli, SpaghettiOs, etc.). Of course all donations of any kind are very much appreciated.

Weekly "Flyer" Specials – Useful items for Bridges To Hope – April 27-May 3, 2023

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| Sobeys – | Kraft Dinner (KD) – 12/\$9.97 (\$0.83 each) |
| Walmart – | Heinz Canned Beans or Pasta - \$1.00 |
| No Frills - | Oceans Light Tuna - \$0.99 |
| Shoppers Drug Mart – | Colgate/Crest Toothpaste/Toothbrush - \$0.88 |
| Lawtons – | **Maple Leaf Flakes of Ham – 8/\$12.00** |
| | **Heinz Tomato Soup – 4/\$3.00 ** |

*** Two days only – April 29/30, 2023*

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 need volunteers for May.** 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.

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.

THE LITURGY TEAM is putting together the worship for this year's Regional Meeting. If you are a musician or know of someone (music minister or choir) in your congregation, that might like to contribute to our worship please email Gneid at: hope_runs_freely@hotmail.com. If you aren't musically inclined, but would like to read scripture or pray, you can also email Gneid.

FROM OUR PARTNERS AT GUIDE TO THE GOOD

Grow Local Go Digital – Looks Like Social Enterprise livestream series

This livestream series features stories of brand-new and well-established social enterprises in Newfoundland and Labrador and shares how they are contributing to a strong, sustainable future for the province and all who live here. In the coming months, we'll be joined by Nicole Dawe of the Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador and guests from different Social Enterprises – all who are getting ready to grow with support from the Investment Readiness Fund. See our first launch on Facebook: [#communityfoundationX](https://www.facebook.com/communityfoundationX)

FLIPPER DINNERS ARE BACK!: Wesley United Church is planning to hold two flipper dinners with dessert, tea and coffee this year, on **May 11 and June 1** 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.

OLDE TYME HYMN SING: This event is part of our 70th Anniversary church celebrations. Please join us at First United Church in Mount Pearl for an evening of Hymn Sing followed by a time of fellowship in our Trinity Hall. Share the joy of singing with Frist United Senior Choir and special guests Topsail Men's Choir on **April 30 from 7–8 pm**. There is no cost, but free will donations are appreciated.

CAFE OF MEMORIES COMMITTEE: Tuesday, **May 2, 2–4PM**, Freemasons Hall, Masonic Park. Dementia Caregivers and their patients are invited to an afternoon of Entertainment and Refreshments. There is no charge for the event but registration is required due to limited space. To register, please contact the Alzheimer Society: 709-576-0608, or events@alzheimernl.ca

TIM HORTONS SMILE COOKIE IS ALMOST HERE! For the first time, the iconic week-long Tim Hortons fundraiser is being held in the spring, May 1–7, 2023. Support the Health Care Foundation by **purchasing a Smile Cookie for**

\$1.50 plus tax, or one of our Smile Cookie personality pins at participating restaurants for \$2 plus tax!. For further details, visit www.timhortons.ca/smile-cookie.