

Cochrane Street United Church

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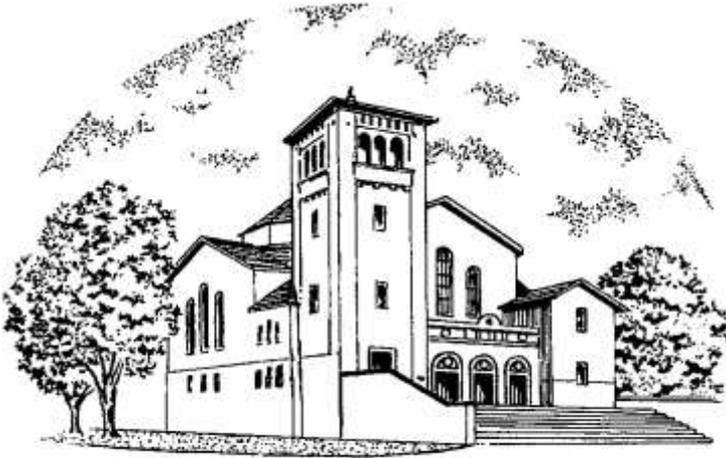


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April 9th, 2023
EASTER SUNDAY

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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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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 #159: **The Strife Is O'er (vs 1)**

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
 the victory of life is won;
 the song of triumph has begun, hallelujah!

*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 (Choir): Most Glorious Lord of Life, *by Harris*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

In the Easter newness and resurrection of this season,
there is hope.

In the Easter freedom and joy of this season,
there is liberation.

In the Easter alleluias and amens of this season,
there is grace.

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

This is indeed the day which you have made, O God, a day of gladness and rejoicing. You cause new life to burst forth with great beauty and fragrance. You adorn the creation with splendour and grandeur. You give your people a taste of your righteousness as we worship the Christ, the cup of new life. Be with us now as we enter the gates of your temple, and hear us as we give you thanksgiving and praise. Amen

***HYMN: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

155 VU

LENTEN SYMBOLS - new life

Let us hear the Word of God: "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God... in him was life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Praise be to God. Jesus Christ is risen!

From Christ Candle's flame, a candle is lit: a flower is placed in the burdens bag

Jesus challenges us to come to him if we labour and have burdens. On this Easter morning we rejoice that Christ overcame the agony of the cross so that we might be freed from our burdens.

Praise be to the living Lord.

The second candle is lit: a flower is placed in the Plant

Although our faith may seem like a seed, small and undeveloped, through the glorious risen presence of Jesus Christ, we are shown the way of growth.

Praise be to the risen Lord!

The third candle is lit: a flower is placed in the bread.

We call Jesus "The bread of life" yet we often shy away from the transforming dramatic changes that are offered to us just as yeast can change the nature of flour when they are mixed together.

Praise be to God's transforming power!

The fourth candle is lit: a flower is placed in chain

We see Jesus bound to the cross when we look around us and see fellow pilgrims in bondage. Through the power of the resurrection we are set free.

Praise be to God, the giver of love!

The fifth candle is lit: a flower is placed in the bag of coins.

Like Judas, we too have betrayed Jesus. We acknowledge that

we have “sold out” our trust in God. Yet Christ overcame death so that we might experience new life.

Praise be to God, the mighty Redeemer!

The sixth candle is lit: a flower is placed in the Palm Branches.

We have longer to join the triumphal procession, yet have found ourselves burdened by the past, fearful of the future and unwilling to accept the way of the cross. Christ made the journey for us, travelling to the cross and rejoicing with us this Easter morning.

Praise be to the radiant and glorious God!

A butterfly is placed on the cross.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We come on this day, Dispeller of fears, walking through the shadows of our lives. Too often, we believe our foolishness is hidden from you; too often, we stand before the open door of hope, wondering if we dare enter. Uncertain of the good news offered to us, we would rather return to the comfort of our familiar ways rather than trusting in you.

Yet you come, as persistent as Mary at the tomb, to open the gates of hope, so we might walk in the gardens of hope; to open the gates of grace, so we might plant peace in the wilderness of the world; to open the gates of resurrection, so we might know our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

This is the day of resurrection and new life. This is the day God offers us steadfast hope and love which will never end.

We will sing and dance on this day! We will rejoice and give thanks to the God who saves us. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (VU # 918)

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 # 545: You Nourish Us**

You nourish us with food, O God,
for body and for soul;
our love and service is our thanks,

for life that's free and whole,
for life that's free and whole.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

You, O God, are the Easter One. You are the holy source of resurrection. You are the dancing spirit of life. We offer these gifts in gratitude for hope returned, for the mystery of your grace, and for the promise of resurrection. AMEN

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Good News! Good News for my people!

Those who wish to hear must open their ears to hear what is happening in the hearts of a people who have begun to awaken. Those who wish to see must open their eyes to see what is happening in the hearts of a people who have begun to walk together. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10: 34-43 *Peter's sermon*

Reader: David Peters

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

***RESPONSIVE PSALM 31:**

VU # 118, (Part One Two & Three)

Reader: David Peters

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3: 1-4

Reader: David Peters

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 28: 1-10 *women at the tomb*

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

ANTHEM:

The Joyful Eastertide, *by Ledger*

SERMON:

***HYMN:**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

468 VU

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God, Source of all, we thank and praise you with our lips and with our lives, that, having created us and all things through your Word, you welcome our prayer and praise.

For the goodness of creation and the glory of redemption,
we praise you.

For the law of holiness, inviting our obedience, and the call of prophets, rebuking our disobedience,
we praise you.

Therefore, with all that is, seen and unseen, and with all the faithful of every time and place, we join in this hymn of praise and thanksgiving:

Holy, holy, holy God, power of life and love!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna through the ages!

Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!

Loving God, Holy One, we offer you praise and thanksgiving over this bread and cup, because in Jesus Christ, your only Son, you have joined yourself forever to us, uniting heaven and earth.

Now, therefore, we gratefully remember: Jesus' birth into our humanity, baptism for our sin, compassion for our suffering, intimacy with our frailty, rebuke of our pride, bearing of the cross with its death, and rising from the tomb by the power of God.

On the night before he died, it was Jesus who took a loaf of bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and said, "Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying, "This is the new covenant; remember me."

We proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

Loving God, creative Power, blessing your name, we seek your Spirit. Come to us and bless these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ; the sign and seal of our forgiveness in him, and our adoption as the children of God.

As we eat and drink together, make us one with Christ and one in Christ, a sign of his eternal reign in all the world.

This sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving we offer you, loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever. We pray as Jesus taught: (VU # 921)

**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.**

Fraction And Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Life-giving God, may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and all creation will live to praise your name. Amen

***HYMN: Thine Is The Glory # 173 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 BLESSING

From this Easter festival, we go forth to live resurrection:

**In the name of the God who makes us,
in the name of the Christ who makes us free,
in the name of the Spirit who makes us one.**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

SUNG BENEDICTION VU #166: Joy Comes with the Dawn

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.

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

***POSTLUDE**

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

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of a Dear and Special Friend,
Margaret Elaine (Lewis) Dakins, From Ian Barrett*

*In Loving Memory of Mother & Father, Leah & Lewis bursey,
and Brother, Gordon Bursey,
From Doug & Joan and Family*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

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.

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.

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 Easter Sunday. 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!

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.



