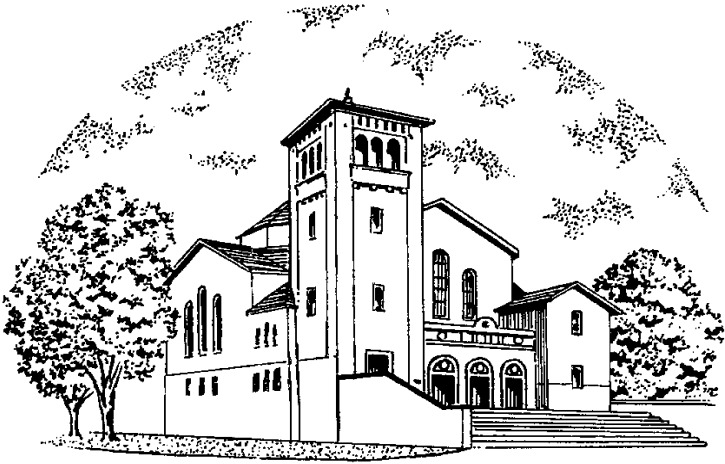


Cochrane Street United Church

81 Cochrane Street ♦ St. John's, NL ♦ A1C 3L7



January 22nd, 2023

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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 JANUARY

Roger Crosbie, Jim Austin, Jeff Critch, Jim Oakley

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
Thursdays 10:00 am – 2:30 pm
Fridays 9:00 am – 4:30 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 MV# 4: All Who are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain.

Dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.

We sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come. **(4X)**

*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 MV 14: Where Two or Three are Gathered

Where two or three are gathered in my name;

I am there, I am there. **2X**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

You challenge us to follow you;
**not by staying as we are
but by stepping out in faith,
casting our net into deeper water
as with Simon Peter, a fisherman.**

You challenge us to trust you
and be prepared for all eventualities,
**even when the load is heavy
and we struggle to succeed.**

But with your challenge comes blessing.

**Flimsy nets are filled,
broken lives made whole.**

From emptiness to abundance.

Thank you for your challenge

Grant us courage to follow.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Creator of all things,

Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End.

Whose love poured out mends broken hearts.

Whose wounded hands reach out to all.

Whose Spirit waits to enter in.

You are the everything that we desire.

Be with us now.

Bless us that we might be

a blessing to others. Amen.

HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth

226 VU

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy and everlasting God,

You called all that is into being. You offered humanity life in all its fullness, and a gloriously rich environment in which to thrive.

Yet in our greed and selfishness we are laying waste to your perfect creation. The air, the water, the soil; the precious biodiversity we need, all in peril that comes from our misdeeds.

We have allowed good relationships to be broken. We have become distant from you and our neighbours.

At times we have failed to speak out for justice, leaving the voiceless without an advocate.

Lord, have mercy upon us

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts,
God knows us better than we know ourselves,
and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.
By God's mercy, we are forgiven;
by God's mercy, we are made whole;
Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN:

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

602 VU

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 #389: God Is Here vs. 4

4 God of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

**Gracious God,
we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today
in ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING **Jonah 3:1–10, 4:1–5**
The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Paul Walsh

*** RESPONSIVE PSALM:** **Psalm 62 (pg. 764 VU)**

Reader: Paul Walsh

SCRIPTURE READING **Mark 1:14–20**
The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Paul Walsh

ANTHEM:

SERMON: The Difficult Practice of Love and Tolerance
Reflective Music

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: **There Is a Balm in Gilead** **# 612 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 424 vs. 1: 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.

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.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Marie Butt, From Joan Soulier

In Memory of Willis Parsons, From Marion Parsons

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JAN 22: CSUC – David Peters

FEB 12: CSUC – Bert Riggs

JAN 29: CSUC – Bert Riggs

FEB 19: CSUC – Bert Riggs

FEB 05: CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson

FEB 26: CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you wish to have an announcement included in the bulletin, 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.

STORM WATCH: Please check out radio stations and media outlets for storm watch information on Sunday morning in case the church is closed due to weather.

PASTORAL COVERAGE FOR CSUC: While Cochrane Street United Church is without a minister, Rev. Oliver Dingwell will cover pastoral emergencies and funerals. PLEASE BE ADVISED that Rev. Oliver will be on vacation from Monday, January 16, to Monday, January 30, returning to the office on Tuesday, January 31. 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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REPORTS: This is an early notice that the Annual Congregational Meeting is tentatively scheduled for March or early April. All church groups and organizations should begin to prepare their annual reports for submission by the third week of February.

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 February. 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!

2023 CHURCH CALENDARS Only 2 left! They can be picked up at the church office, available at a cost of \$6.00. To place an order, **please contact the Church Office** at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

BRIDGES TO HOPE: It's a new year, and the demand for food assistance continues! For 2023, Bridges To Hope will suggest a specific food item to be contributed by members of supporting churches on **the first Sunday of each month**. Of course, this and other non-perishable food items, can be given any other Sunday as well. These items are staples in the food hampers distributed and will go a long way to ensuring that hampers can be filled. **For the month of January, we are suggesting canned meat / fish.** Thank you for your support!

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.

Grief Support Group: Eastern Health's Pastoral Care, Ethics & Bereavement Services Department invites people grieving the loss of a loved one to join an 8-week "Living with Grief Support Program." The first in-person timeslot meets on Monday nights from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. beginning January 23, 2023. The second in-person timeslot meets on Thursday afternoons from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. beginning on January 26, 2023. The virtual group meets by Zoom on Thursday afternoons from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. beginning January 26, 2023. For more information or to register, call 777-6959, or email us at griefandbereavement@easternhealth.ca.

LOST AND FOUND: Several gloves, hats, and glasses have been found in the sanctuary. If you think an item may be yours, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or drop by Sunday morning.