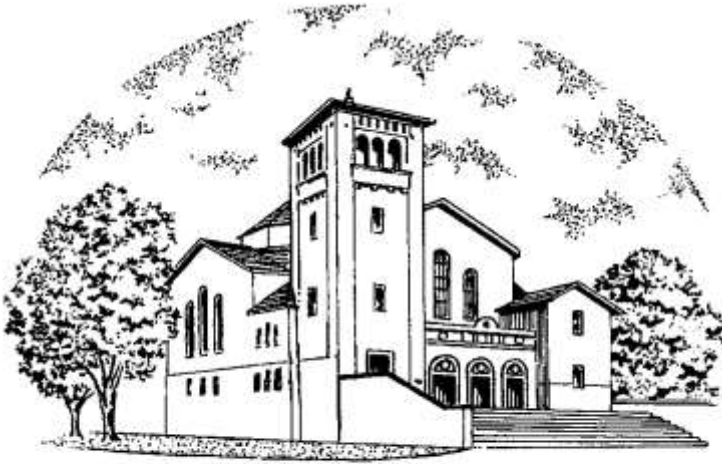


Cochrane Street United Church

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



July 16th, 2023 7th Sunday After Pentecost

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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 JULY 16

Ian McMaster, Gerry Penney, Bill Squires, Blair Bradbury

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday	9:00 am	–	3:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am	–	3:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am	–	3:30 pm

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709-754-2532 or info@cochranecentre.ca

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND FUNERALS

Rev. Peggy Johnson will cover all pastoral emergencies and funerals. She can be reached at (709) 685-9223

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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 #415: God, We Praise You for the Morning (vs. 1, 6)

God, we praise you for the morning;	Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hope springs forth with each new day,	hallelujah, hallelujah!
new beginning, prayer, and promise,	Hallelujah, hallelujah!
joy in work and in play.	Christ is Lord of our days!

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 # 670: Precious Lord, Take My Hand (vs. 1)

1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Holy is the soil we walk on,
Holy everything that grows,
Holy all beneath the surface,
Holy every stream that flows.

Praise be to God who created the Earth.

God provides all that we need. Praise be to God.

People of God, let us give thanks.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

We thank you God that all humankind is one vast family, and this world is our home. We sleep beneath one roof, the starry sky. We warm ourselves before one hearth, the blazing sun. Upon one soil we stand, breathe one air, drink one water, and walk the night beneath one luminescent moon. All these blessings are the gift of your hand. We praise and thank you as we worship together, brothers and sisters of one blood, members in your worldwide family created by your love.

***HYMN:**

O God Beyond all Praising

256 VU

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We know the seeds we have sown, Harvesting God: anger which springs from our flinty hearts; bitterness which flows like a rushing river into another's heart; hurtful words which wrap their thorny briars around a friend's kindness; passion which poisons an innocent relationship.

Forgive us, Loving God, and have mercy. Your grace can turn our fallow hearts into rich fields of love. Your hope can smooth the rocks in our way, so we can go to be reconciled to another. Your love for us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, can untangle the thorny mess we have made of our lives. Bless us with these gifts, we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

No ifs, no ands, no buts. Now there is no condemnation - period! God answers all our hurts, our wrongs, our sin with salvation. Believe this good news, my friends.

**We are stunned by your grace, and embraced in your love,
Forgiving God, and lift our thanks to you. Amen.**

Silence is kept

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 #520: We Plough the Fields (vs. 1, 3)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Our heavenly Father: by your generosity we have received all that we have and all that we are. Grant that we may so use the things which you have entrusted to our care, that we may become more and more your children in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Genesis 25:19–34

Reader: Faith Roberts Pike

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

*RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 119:105–112 (VU p. 841)

Reader: Heather McMaster

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:1–11

Reader: Sandy Stavlo

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:1–9,18–23

The parable of the sower and the seed.

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

***HYMN: When Seed Falls on Good Soil**
Tune 741 (Marching to Zion without refrain)

503 VU

SERMON:

ANTHEM:

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (VU #960)

***HYMN: Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

481 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

Go forth as God's people.
We will sow seeds of love and joy in the world.
Go forth as Christ's true friends.
We will sow seeds of justice and hope in oppression-strewn paths.
Go forth as the Spirit's love.
**We will sow seeds of peace and reconciliation in every corner of
creation.**

***SUNG BENEDICTION: VU # 964 Go Now in Peace**

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
May the love of God surround you everywhere,
Everywhere you may go

POSTLUDE

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

2023 MEMORIAL SERVICES

The dates for this year's Memorial Services are as follows:

Monday, July 17 7:00PM General Protestant Cemetery (Topsail Road)
Monday, July 31 7:00PM Memorial Gardens Cemetery (25 Beaumont Hamel Way)

*PLEASE NOTE: In the event of inclement weather,
the services will move ahead to 7:00PM the next evening.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JUL 16	CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey	AUG 6	No worship service at CSUC
TUE, JUL 18	CSUC Council Meeting (ZOOM)	AUG 13	CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey
JUL 23	CSUC – Bert Riggs	AUG 20	CSUC – Bert Riggs
JUL 30	TBD	AUG 27	CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson

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: Rev. Peggy Johnson is covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals. She can be reached at (709) 685-9223 or by email at: peggyjoanjohnson@hotmail.com. If Rev. Peggy is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds at pt2reynolds@gmail.com.

PARKING ON SUNDAYS: If the Bannerman parking lot is full when you arrive, there is parking available at Stewart Avenue that's behind the College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CRNNL).

Worship service will be held in the community hall: We are continuing to worship in the community hall until all repairs are completed. Please use the Bannerman Street door. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Next Meeting of Church Council is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023, via ZOOM. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Tim Reynolds, Council Chair, at pt2reynolds@gmail.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 review the list of persons on the Roll and contribute valuable 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.

PRIDE PARADE 2023 starts on July 23 at 2pm with parade participants asked to be at City Hall by 1:30pm for organizing purposes. This is an opportunity for us to embody our faith and celebrate the diversity of God's wondrous creation. We would love to have you, your family, and your friends join the event. If you are interested in participating, St. James United Church has invited Gower St UC and Cochrane St UC to join them. Below is the route that will be taken:

Heading northeast on New Gower St toward Duckworth St (80m)

Slight right onto Duckworth St (1.28km)

Turn left onto Cavendish Square (73m)

Slight left onto Military Rd (382m)

Turn right onto Bannerman Rd (114m) then left into the park

BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH: For each month of 2023, Bridges To Hope will be suggesting a much needed food item for members of our partner congregations to consider for donation. These items are staples and will go a long way to ensuring that hampers can be filled. **For the month of July, we are suggesting dry pasta** (macaroni, spaghetti, rotini, etc.). Of course other non-perishable items are always welcome. Thank you for your support!

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

Walmart – Great Value Pasta - \$0.99

Dominion – Ocean's Light Tuna - \$1.29

Colemans – Favourite Canned Fruit – various – 3/\$5.00

No Frills – No Name Sliced Mushrooms - \$0.88

No Name Yellow Prepared Mustard - \$1.25

Unico Pasta Sauce - \$1.69

Shoppers Drug Mart – Colgate Toothpaste/Toothbrush - \$0.99

BRIDGES TO HOPE: We are in need of reusable bags. If you can help, please drop them off at church on Sunday or at the church office during the week (Tue & Thu 9am-3pm; Fri 9am-3:30pm).

Regional Council Office 2023 Summer Hours: If a required staff person is on vacation, please contact the office at 1-800-268-3781, ext. 6141, or/and another staff person will respond. Emergency number when office is closed is (709) 730-9415. Effective June 26 through to and including September 7, the summer hours for the office and bookstore staff will be:

8:30am - 4:00pm Monday to Thursday

8:30am - 12:00pm (noon) on Fridays

The bookstore will be open for in-person retail business at Elizabeth Avenue, however due to staff vacations, you are also encouraged to place bookstore orders by calling Leona (1-800-268-3781 ext. 6141, l laundry@united-church.ca), or shopping online at <https://ucceast.ca/shop>. For safety purposes, the door may be locked. Unless a **closed** notice is posted on the outside door, the office is open. Please ring the doorbell for service.