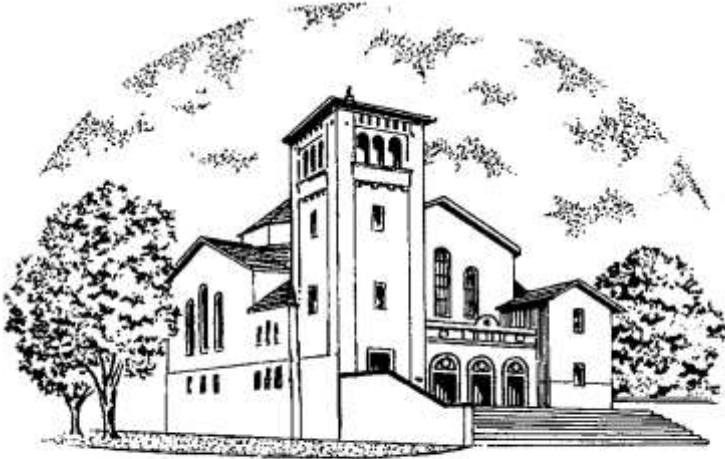


Cochrane Street United Church

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



July 23rd, 2023 **Pride Sunday** **8th 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 23

Roger Crosbie, Jim Austin, Jeff Critch, Jim Oakley

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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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 MV # 130: "Rise Up, Rise Up"

Rise up, rise up rise up O my Soul
Rise up and sing this
Blessing to God's name
Rise up , rise up rise up O my soul
Rise up and sing this
Blessing to God's name

*LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE & PASSING OF THE PEACE:

I light this candle acknowledging that God loves everyone of us.

The Christ Candle symbolizes God's love for us by sending his son into the world to take away our sins.

Christ taught us to love everyone.

Let us accept our belief in Christ's teachings and manifest his love for everyone in all we do and say.

The Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

*REFLECTIVE MUSIC VU # 381: Spirit of Life

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

People of God, join the crowd; don't let the parade pass you by.

God loves us! All of us!

Bring your whole selves; leave no part behind.

God loves us! All of us!

Show the world who you are; witness to the Love that knows no bounds.

God loves us! All of us!

Join together across differences; rejoice in the many colors of the rainbow.

God loves us! All of us!

Worship God in the beauty of this holiness; we are the family of God!

God loves us! All of us! Let us worship our God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

God, who made each of us in Your image, teach us to love ourselves as You love us. God, who made each of us in Your image, allow us to show that image to the world. God who made each of us in Your image, help us to see Your image in all those we meet. God, who made us in Your image, teach us to conserve and protect all Your creation, **through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN:**

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

578 VU

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, we acknowledge the diversity in this amazing world, created in atoms and molecules but with an underlying spirit of mystery, that is you.

We confess that, at times, we have forgotten the wonders of that diversity. We have longed for things to be familiar and as they have always been, and strike out at ways of being that differ from our own.

We know that the great religious traditions have caused harm in the past and continue to cause harm and pain to those who express their being in ways different from the majority.

We know, too, that we, individually, both intentionally and unintentionally, have rejected and shunned those who are not just like us.

For this we are truly sorry and ask your patience as we learn and strive for ways to be more inclusive and celebrate all in this wondrous world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Children of God, Scripture in 1 John 1:9 assures us that if we confess our sins, God will keep his promise and forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Know that your belief in God and his son Jesus means that your sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen**

***HYMN: Open My Eyes, That I May See # 371 VU**

LEARNING TOGETHER: Why Pride is on a Sunday

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 # 541: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Lord of us all, accept our offerings, which we bring to you with an eager heart. We offer them not as a comparison with others but as an act of worship to you. May we find the comfort we desire in you and the strength we need in your name. This we ask in Jesus' name! Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: Reveal your presence to us this day, O God of light, love, and glory. As you have done so many times to your servants, send your Spirit to show us your story. May the brilliance of your face illuminate this place as we dare to proclaim your Word and may we, your people, be always able to tell all of that we have heard. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 18: 1-5

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

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15: 1-14

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

SOLOIST: Benjamin James

SERMON: “What’s Pride Got to Do with It”

Reflective Music

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung version: VU # 960)

HYMN: Let Us Build a House Where Love Can Dwell # 1 MV

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: Let us go from here to proclaim the good news: God exists in many strange and surprising ways. God’s love is the great liberator for all people. Our faith and trust in Jesus the Christ will enable us to resist the evil and oppression of this world. May the Spirit lead us from this place with peace.

SUNG BENEDICTION VU # 964: Go Now in Peace (SING TWICE)

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 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 23	CSUC – Bert Riggs	AUG 13	CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey
JUL 30	CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey	AUG 20	CSUC – Bert Riggs
AUG 6	No worship service at CSUC	AUG 27	CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson
AUG	CSUC Council Meeting <i>TBA</i>	SEP 03	No worship service at CSUC

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.

PRIDE PARADE 2023 starts on Sunday, July 23, at 2:00PM 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 wonderful 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

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.

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!

BURRY HEIGHTS DAY: Save the date of Saturday, September 16, 2023, for Burry Heights Day. A time of fun, friendship and music. A time to experience the magic as you reminisce with old friends and meet new.

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.

