

# Cochrane Street United Church

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



**June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**National Indigenous People's Day of Prayer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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# Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

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Whether you are here for the first time or this is your church home – welcome to our community of faith.

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## USHERING TEAM FOR JUNE

Jalna McMaster, Jo-Ann Kelly, David Molyneux, Fraser Ellis

## 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:** Open the Eyes of My Heart, *arr. By Mark Hayes*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.*

## INTROIT VU #333: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 1)

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

## \*LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE & PASSING OF THE PEACE:

I light this candle in memory of dads everywhere.

**May thoughts of them be with us, here, now, in this place.**

Like Christ, those we love do not go away.

**They walk beside us and with us every day.**

Unseen, unheard, but always near;

**Still loved, still missed, but very dear.**

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 #288: Great is Thy Faithfulness (refrain)

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed thy hand hath provided –

great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

## CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Jeremiah 31):

Shout for joy to the Lord, our God,  
who loves us with an everlasting love,

as a father loves his children;  
**who gathers us together from the north and the south,  
the east and the west;**  
who leads us beside quiet streams,  
and shows us the way we should go.  
**Let us worship our God.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Eternal and gracious God, in love you created us,  
and came to us as a babe born in a manger.  
In your love, you welcome us as your children; in love, you lead us  
faithfully, and with your mercy, you hear our prayers.  
We praise and thank you, Lord! Hear us, your beloved children,  
as we come before you in worship, through Jesus Christ, our  
Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing # 326 VU**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Gracious and loving God, Forgive us that we call you “Our Father”  
but fail to live as your children. We do not trust you as we  
should, preferring instead to follow our own inclinations.  
We are reluctant to accept your will, repeatedly disobeying your  
instructions. We are slow to ask your guidance, but swift to  
forget you and wander from your side.  
We all too rarely thank you for what we have, but all too often  
complain when we do not receive what we ask for.  
Always you have loved us: forgive our feeble response.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

The love of God is constant and enveloping;  
The love of God is filled with forgiveness;  
The love of God is open to us all;  
The love of God is a reminder that we are a forgiven people.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen**

**LEARNING TOGETHER: Father’s Day**

**\*HYMN: A Mighty Fortress is Our God # 262 VU**

**OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY**

**OFFERTORY HYMN MV 191: What Can I Do?**

What can I do? What can I bring? I’ll sing with joy, I’ll say a prayer.  
What can I say? What can I sing? I’ll bring my love, I’ll do my share.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

All that we have is from you, dear God, our Creator. Take these humble gifts, bless them, and enable them to do all that they can to make this world a better place. 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 never unable to tell all of that we have heard. Amen

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Micah 6: 1-8**

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

### **\*RESPONSIVE PSALM 116 (VU, page 836)**

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**Romans 5: 1-8**

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**ANTHEM:** The 100th Psalm, *by Charles D Coleman*

**SERMON:** "A Smile on the Face of God"

*Reflective Music*

## **GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND**

**LORD'S PRAYER (sung version: VU #960)**

**\*HYMN:** I See a New Heaven

**# 713 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

### **SUNG BENEDICTION VU #298: When You Walk from Here**

When you walk from here, when you walk from here,  
walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.

**POSTLUDE:** This is My Father's World, *arr. By Mark Hayes*

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

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

JUN 17	Annual Summer Plant Sale 10:30am – 1pm, 81 Cochrane St Patio	JUL 2	Cowan Heights UC – Rev. Oliver CSUC invited to Cowan Heights with Islington United Church Choir
JUN 18	CSUC – Bert Riggs <i>Father's Day</i>	JUL 9	Rev. Peggy Johnson
JUN 25	Bert Riggs	JUL 16	Rev. Karen Burse

## **2023 MEMORIAL SERVICES**

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

Monday, July 3	7:00PM	Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (Hamilton Avenue Extension)
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.*

**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](mailto:peggyjoanjohnson@hotmail.com). If Rev. Peggy is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds [pt2reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:pt2reynolds@gmail.com).

**TELY 10 ROAD RACE 2023:** Please be advised that the Tely 10 Road Race will take place **Sunday, June 25, from 8AM to 11AM**, so you may need to plan for alternate parking and routes to/from church. A traffic advisory has been issued which can be found on this website, [https://www.nlaa.ca/tely10/race\\_day/road\\_closures.php](https://www.nlaa.ca/tely10/race_day/road_closures.php). For more information, please contact Access St. John's at 311 or 754-CITY(2489).

**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.

**NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A congregational meeting will be held in person on **Sunday, June 18, 2023**, after the Sunday worship service and fellowship time. Sandwiches will be provided during fellowship time. The recommendations from the MAP engagement team will be presented to the congregation regarding the future direction of the congregation. This is an important meeting and all members of the congregation are asked to attend.

**Next Meeting of Church Council** is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2023 via ZOOM. 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](mailto:sjewczyk@gmail.com).

**BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH:**

For the month of June, we are suggesting **personal care items** – shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. (**preferably non-scented**). All donations of any kind are appreciated. Please be considerate of those with sensitivities to scent, such as congregation members and staff.

We are also 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).

**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](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com).

**From the Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne**, Moderator of The United Church of Canada: **JUNE 21 IS NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY** (NIPD), a day to recognize the unique heritage and diverse cultures of Indigenous Peoples across the country. While on Truth and Reconciliation Day in September we recognize and commemorate the challenges and realities of our colonized and colonizing history in Canada, NIPD is a time of celebration to recognize and lift up the resilience of Indigenous people and communities, and to celebrate what we have to share with the rest of the country. There are a number of things you can do to celebrate or recognize this day:

- Attend a local celebration or cultural event.
- Explore the Indigenous heritage of the place where you work or live.
- Visit an art gallery or museum with a show curated by Indigenous Peoples.
- Read a book—fiction, nonfiction, or poetry—by an Indigenous author.
- Watch a movie or TV show featuring Indigenous direction, screenwriting, and acting.
- Learn to introduce yourself in the Indigenous language(s) from where you live/work.

- Support Indigenous businesses by shopping or dining in Indigenous-owned stores and restaurants (actually, this one you should do year-round).
- Support Indigenous programs through our Gifts with Vision partnerships. You can learn more at [giftswithvision.ca](http://giftswithvision.ca).
- Listen to Indigenous music.

**NOVA SCOTIA WILDFIRE RELIEF:** Wildfires in Nova Scotia and in other parts of Atlantic Canada have displaced over 25,000 people, causing significant emotional and physical distress, property damage, and natural habitat and wildlife loss. Communities in Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters, Regional Council 15 and beyond need support as they navigate the challenges of evacuation, relocation, and rebuilding. The United Church of Canada Foundation is accepting donations to help support the areas rebuild as the longer-term needs become clear. Your donation to the [Ann Baker Estate Trust for Emergency Relief in Canada](#) will continue to aid and comfort those whose lives have been turned upside down by these devastating fires. The donation page is here: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/90109>.

**NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY (NIPD):** Every year, on June 21st, First Light hosts a series of events and activities that celebrate the rich and diverse histories and contributions of Indigenous people in Canada, as part of NIPD. The day will begin with a Sunrise Ceremony at Cavell Park, followed by refreshments. At 2 PM, the urban Indigenous and broader community are invited to the Techniplex for a family-friendly performance showcase, community feast, and urban powwow or Mawi'omi. Everyone is invited to join in the events!

Sunrise Ceremony	Cavell Park (40 Quidi Vidi Rd)	6:00am
Family Friendly Festival	Techniplex (39 Churchill Ave)	2:00pm
MAWI'OMI	Techniplex (39 Churchill Ave)	5:30pm–7:30pm

## MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of our Fathers Clyde Budden and Basil Briggs,  
From Cheryl and Byron Briggs & Family*

*In loving memory of Father, Walter Tucker,  
From daughters Linda Facey and Maribyn Pardy and their families*