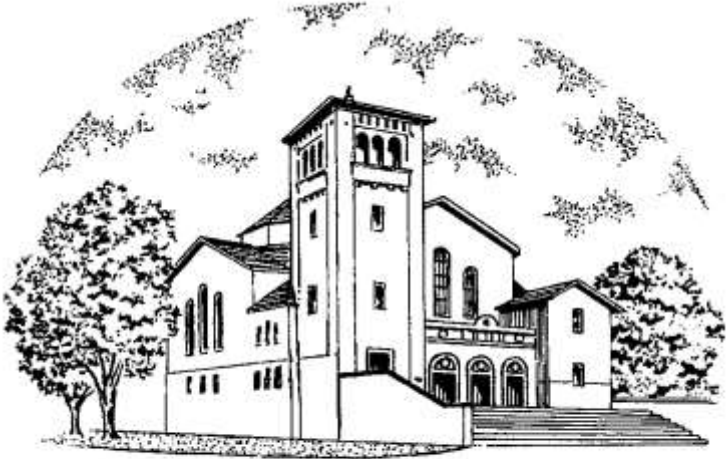


Cochrane Street United Church

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June 25th, 2023 **Beaumont Hamel Remembrance Sunday** **4th 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 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: Beautiful Saviour

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.

*INTROIT VU #524: O Canada.

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!

From far and wide

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

*LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE & PASSING OF THE PEACE:

On this Sunday when we remember so many from this place who lost their lives at Beaumont Hamel on July 1, 1916, we light this Christ candle in memory of and dedication to them.

May the love of Christ continue to enfold them in its comforting embrace.

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 #559: Come, O Fount of Every Blessing (vs. 1)**
Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life:

hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us worship our God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

We arise today with the power of God to guide us, the might of God to uphold us, the wisdom of God to teach us, the eye of God to watch over us, the ear of God to hear us, the word of God to give us speech, the hand of God to protect us, the way of God to direct us, the shield of God to shelter us, and the host of God to defend us. Be with us, O God, as we offer to you our remembering, in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Adapted from *A War Primer* by F.B. MacNutt)

***HYMN: O God of Bethel # 650 VU**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious and loving God, God of peace, Forgive us when we have participated in that which turns people against each other; for fuelling anger and harbouring vengeance, for not heeding your call to love one another.

Inspire us never to give up on the hope that your life offers us, and the courage to see past war and desolation and live for the day when it will be peace. Always you have loved us: forgive our feeble response.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Friends in Christ, know that the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting; I remind you on this Sunday of Remembrance of God's abounding grace: in and through Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Hallelujah! Amen

LEARNING TOGETHER: Lieut. Hubert Clinton Herder (1891-1916)

***HYMN:** Weep for the Dead

526 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 #543: We Give Thee But Thine Own**

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just our money but also our lives, freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might cause it and we to do the greatest good. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Eternal God, open our minds to hear your word, our hearts to love your word, and our lives to be obedient to your word, through the power of your Spirit and the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

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

***SUNG PSALM 90 (VU, p. 806)**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5: 1-12

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

ANTHEM: The Pasture, *by Z Randall Stroope*

SERMON: "Remembering Through Verse"

Reflective Music

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

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

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:** In Christ There Is No East or West # 606 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:** The Ode to Newfoundland (*see insert*)

POSTLUDE: Homeward Bound

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 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JUN 25	CSUC – Bert Riggs	JUL 9	CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson
JUL 2	Cowan Heights UC – Rev. Oliver	JUL 16	CSUC – Rev. Karen Burse
	CSUC invited to Cowan Heights	JUL 23	CSUC – Bert Riggs
	with Islington United Church Choir	JUL 30	TBD

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 pt2reynolds@gmail.com.

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.

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 June, we are suggesting personal care items** – shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. (*preferably non-scented, in consideration of those who are sensitive to scents such as congregation and staff*). Of course other non-perishable items are always welcome. Thank you for your support!

Weekly “Flyer” Specials – Useful items for Bridges To Hope – June 22–28, 2023

- Walmart - Canada Red Pasta Sauce - \$1.47
- Heinz Picnic Pack (Ketchup/Mustard/Relish) - \$3.77
- Dominion - Graves Apple Juice - \$0.99
- Colemans - Jade Fruit Cocktail – 4/\$5.00

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).

NOVA SCOTIA WILDFIRE RELIEF: Wildfires in Nova Scotia and in other parts of Atlantic Canada have caused devastating damage. More than 20,000 hectares have burned, displacing over 25,000 people, and 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](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/90109) 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>.

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.

