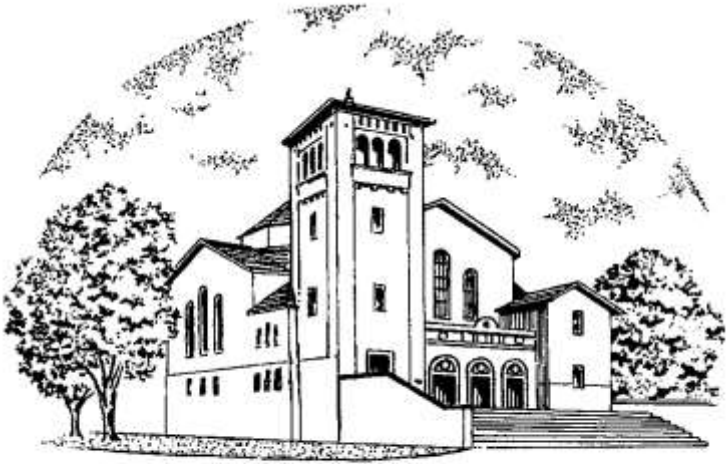


Cochrane Street United Church

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May 14th, 2023

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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 213: Rejoice, the Lord is King, vs. 1

Rejoice the Lord is King! Your risen Lord adore!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:

Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

*LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE & PASSING OF THE PEACE:

This day is a joyous day!

We gather this morning in the presence of the risen Christ, whose love and peace gives light to our paths and hope to our days! In the light of our Christ candle, the joy of our hearts is rekindled.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

*REFLECTIVE MUSIC VU #661: Come to My Heart, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We hear the prophetic voice in the prophets of God:

Deborah, Huldah, and Anna.

We hear the declarations of God in the songs and stories of our foremothers in Scripture:

Sarah, Hannah, Ruth, Naomi, Esther, Elizabeth, and Mary.

We feel the call of Christ in the followers of Jesus:

Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, Dorcas, Mary & Martha.

We hear the words of Wisdom in the proverbs:

“On the heights, besides the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand!”

Let us stand, let us speak out, and let us sojourn together; for God is calling to sisters, to prophets, to all of us:

“The way of wisdom is joy, and all her paths are peace.”

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Holy God,

Bless us as we meet together, we pray. Bless the singing of your praise, the reading of your Word, the sharing of our fellowship, the prayers that will be heard. Bless us as we meet together, dear Lord, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN VU #161: Welcome, Happy Morning**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The assurance of God’s grace is declared in the name of Jesus Christ. We accept God’s forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, Christ raises us to new life. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

LEARNING TOGETHER: Mother’s Day

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY:

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

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I’ll sing with joy. I’ll say a prayer.

I’ll bring my love. I’ll do my share.

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Creator God, we are grateful that you can satisfy our every desire and need. Your word says that we should give honour to you with the first fruits of our wealth. Accept our humble offerings as a gift of worship to you. Multiply what we offer for the effective growth of your kingdom. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

God, our Helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds so that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will. We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 27: 11 – 15

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

***RESPONSIVE PSALM 1:**

VU page 724

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 1: 1-26

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

ANTHEM:

SERMON: "Who was Saint Matthias?"

***HYMN VU #376: Spirit of the Living God**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (VU # 921)

***HYMN VU #264: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

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 #164: The Day of Resurrection vs. 3

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that hath no end.

POSTLUDE

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

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of Mother, Rachel King,
Ever Remembered by Lizzie, Bill, and Family*

*In Loving Memory of Mother, Irene Tucker,
From daughters Linda Facey and Marilyn Pardy and their Families*

*In Loving Memory of our Grandmothers and also
my Mom, Leah Budden, who passed away May 18th, 2004.
Always remembered and ever loved, especially on Mother's Day.
Cheryl, Byron & Family*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| MAY 14: | CSUC – Bert Riggs
<i>Mother's Day</i> | JUN 4 | CSUC – Tim Reynolds
Flower Service
<i>Trinity Sunday</i> |
| MAY 21: | CSUC – David Peters | JUN 10 | Annual Summer Plant Sale
10am – 2pm, 81 Cochrane St Patio |
| MAY 28: | CSUC – Rev. Karen Burse
<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> | JUN 18 | Father's Day |

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. Oliver Dingwell will be covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals. He can be reached at (709) 640-4632 or by email at: odingwell@cowanheightsunited.ca. If Rev. Oliver 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.

OUR FLOWER SERVICE MAILOUT is ready for pick up, located in the community space. Please help us save on delivery costs by bringing envelopes to those who live in your neighbourhood. Thank you for your assistance.

A Big Thank You to our volunteers who recently helped stuff envelopes! Your time and effort is ever much appreciated.

BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH: For the month of May, we are suggesting Pasta Sauce. All donations of any kind are appreciated.

Weekly "Flyer" Specials – Useful items for Bridges To Hope – May 11-17, 2023

Dominion - ** No Name Canned Milk - \$1.00 **

** Cheerios - \$4.00 **

Colemans - Favorite Mandarin Oranges – 4/\$5.00

Walmart - Peek Frean Cookies - \$2.97

Sobeys - Hunt's Pasta Sauce - \$2/\$3.00

Catelli Pasta – 2/\$3.00

Lantic white sugar - \$1.79

*** Member's Price with PC Optimum card .*

THE NEXT GOWER SERVICE AND SOCIAL CLUB DINNER MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, May 16, starting at 6:00pm** in the Gower Lecture Hall. The main course is shepherd's pie (cost \$15; students \$10), with vegetables and dessert. The program is not yet finalized but will be worth attending. Those interested in attending should email President Bert Riggs at briggs@mun.ca by 5:00pm on Sunday, May 14, 2023.

SPRING FLOWER SALE: We are getting ready for our Spring Flower Sale which is tentatively scheduled for June 10th. As you begin to set up your garden for the summer, please keep our need for plants for the sale. For affordable plant pots, try using 500 gram yogurt or margarine containers and poke holes in the bottom for drainage.

COFFEE TIME HOSTS: We are looking for people to volunteer as hosts for Coffee Time after church. **We need volunteers for May.** 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! If you are unable to participate, monetary donations are welcomed.

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.

FDEE Regional Council Office: Please note that as a result of the Regional Council Annual Meeting taking place this weekend, the Regional Council Office and Bookstore in St. John's (320 Elizabeth Avenue) WILL BE CLOSED on MONDAY, MAY 15. If there is an emergency please call our Executive Minister at 709-691-3524.

First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Annual Meeting 2023:

The closing motion of the 4th Annual Meeting of the region on May 15, 2022, named the **5th Annual Meeting** of the Regional Council **to be held virtually**, using zoom video conferencing **on May 12-14, 2023**. In preparation for the FDEE Annual Meeting, please refer to the posted materials on the Regional website: <https://ucceast.ca/first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-16/first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-annual-meeting-2023>

BRIDGES TO HOPE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The Bridges to Hope AGM will take place on Monday, **June 5th at 7 pm**. The meeting will be held at St. James United Church in the auditorium. All are welcome to attend.

Bridges To Hope – Sustainers Circle This May, we are running a 'Make it Monthly' Campaign. Join our Sustainers Circle and help us turn hunger into hope for vulnerable children, families, and seniors in St. John's and the Metro Region. Committing to a monthly gift enables us to provide essential and healthy food to over 1,000 people in need each month. Your generosity makes a real difference; we couldn't do it without you!

Visit www.bridgestohope.ca/sustainers-circle to learn more and enroll. NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL! Stay tuned throughout May for inspiring impact stories. Follow our journey with the hashtags:

[#SustainersCircle](#) and [#BridgesToHope](#) [#neighboursfeedingneighbours](#)

STELLA'S CIRCLE – RUN FOR WOMEN: In honour of all moms and all women, please help us raise much-needed funds to support marginalized women in our community. The Run for Women, brought to you by the LOVE YOU by Shoppers Drug Mart program, benefits women's mental health programs at Stella's Circle. The Just Us Women's Centre provides counselling to women in conflict with the law and Naomi Centre provides temporary shelter and support for women aged 16-30. **See you at 115 The Boulevard on Sunday, May 28**. Register or learn more at <https://www.runforwomen.ca/Cities/StJohns.aspx>

United Church Bookstore: e-Gift Cards Now Available! Surprise your loved ones, friends, and even co-workers with the gift of choice! Our gift cards are delivered digitally and valid on any purchase with no time restrictions. [Purchase yours today](#), and your recipient will receive their gift card instantly!

100 TH ANNIVERSARY FOR MEN OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

In 1923, a men's ministries club was formed at Kerrisdale Methodist (later Ryerson United), Vancouver. That club adopted the name – AOTS - which was derived from what Jesus was quoted – saying to His Disciples in Luke 22 vs 27 – I am among you As One That Serves. That first club continued through the Union of churches that we know as United Church of Canada. The formation of clubs spread across Canada. In 1981, a club was formed at Trinity United in Newmarket, Ontario. With the decline in membership over the past 20 years, the continuation of AOTS lies with any remaining clubs.

The purpose of this outreach via e-mail, is to call out to any United Church Member who remembers AOTS, or was a member of AOTS. On **June 4th** of this year, **our club will celebrate its 42nd year since it was chartered**. We will **also celebrate this centenary for AOTS** and **invite any from their local church in St. John's** to Victoria, to join with us as we thank God through His Son, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ for what AOTS has meant to thousands of His faithful men across Canada and Bermuda over one hundred years.

For any who may wish to acknowledge that AOTS has not been forgotten, we can be reached at aots@trinityuc.ca. (website aots.ca)

Bridges to Hope – Mental Health Matters: Let's Talk & Support Each Other. We want to take a moment to remind you that mental health is just as important as physical health. It's time to break the stigma and talk openly about our mental well-being. Remember, it's okay not to be okay. Life's challenges can affect us all, and seeking help is a sign of strength, not weakness. Reach out to friends, family, or a mental health professional if you're struggling—you don't have to face it alone. Let's create a safe space to share our stories and experiences and support each other through life's difficulties. [#MentalHealthMatters](#) [#EndTheStigma](#) [#LetsTalk](#) [#YouAreNotAlone](#) [#MentalHealthAwareness](#)