

Cochrane Street United Church

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May 28th, 2023 Pentecost Sunday

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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 MAY

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. Oliver Dingwell will cover all pastoral emergencies and funerals.
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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

*INTROIT MV # 88 Over My Head

Refrain Over my head, I hear music in the air. (3X)
There must be a God somewhere.

*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 MV # 156 Dance with the Spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We have come to celebrate the birthday of the church.

We have come to celebrate Pentecost

and to open ourselves to God's Spirit that it might fill us.

We have come to direct our thoughts to God.

May this church and our lives be filled with God's Spirit and power, as they have filled people of faith throughout the ages.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

(Lighting of seven candles represents the seven gifts of the Spirit)

Spirit of Joy—come like the wind, swirling among us;
fill us with enthusiasm and energize us to do your work and your will.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Joy!

Spirit of Truth— come as the flame of Christ's light among us,
illuminating our hearts, our minds, our lives.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Truth!

Spirit of Life— come as the breath of life,
pouring energy and power into our dry bones,
rekindling all who are weary, that they may have life and know God.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Life!

Spirit of Hope— come from the four winds,
O breath, O restless searcher; breathe upon your people,
that creation may be renewed with hope.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Hope!

Spirit of Love— come as our Comforter and Consoler,
that all who are broken or wounded may be healed,
that all who grieve may be consoled by your love and grace.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Love.

Spirit of Wisdom— come as the light of understanding,
that diversity in all its forms may be respected
and may be understood as gifts to cherish.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Wisdom!

Spirit of Peace— come as the winds of truth,
that our hearts may be kindled by the passion for justice and peace.

Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Peace!

**As we celebrate the day of Pentecost,
may we—Jesus' followers in this time and place—
use these gifts and all the gifts of the Spirit,
to work for and serve the church and each other. Amen.**

***HYMN:**

It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

30 MV

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams and new hopes, new life in Jesus Christ.

Forgive us our closed minds which barricade themselves against new ideas, preferring the past to what you might want to do through us tomorrow. Forgive our closed eyes which fail to see the needs of your world, blind to opportunities of service and love. Forgive our closed hands which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our own use alone. Forgive us our closed hearts which limit our affections to ourselves and our own.

Spirit of new life, forgive us and break down the prison walls of our selfishness, that we might be open to your love and open for the service of your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

God's unfailing love sustains and upholds us; God will never let us go. Where the Spirit is, there is freedom. Receive God's forgiveness. Come alive in Christ!

A NEW CREED (VU # 918)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

LEARNING TOGETHER

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN MV # 182: Grateful**

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

With many voices we praise you, O God; in different ways we serve you. Take our diversity and mould it into a common theme of thanksgiving. Weave these gifts that we bring into a whole cloth of service that will blanket the world with your love as we announce with one accord, your truth which sets us free. Amen

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Unless the eye catch fire, **God will not be seen.**

Unless the ear catch fire, **God will not be heard.**

Unless the tongue catch fire, **God will not be named.**

Unless the heart catch fire, **God will not be loved.**

Unless, the mind catch fire, **God will not be known.**

Holy God of justice, living Spirit of power, Christ our peace, **may we burn, body and soul, with love for you, each other, and all creation, as these words are spoken and heard.**

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

Reader: Charlie Pope

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

GOSPEL READING John 7:37-39

Reader: Charlie Pope

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

RESPONSIVE READING SHAKING AND RATTLING PENTECOST

A Re-telling of the Pentecost Story (Acts 2: 1-13)

*The shakers are shaken when lines printed in bold are spoken
(SW) shake shakers WILDLY (SR) - shake shakers in rhythm*

When the day of the harvest festival called Pentecost had arrived, those of us who were disciples of Jesus gathered together in one room. Suddenly, from the heavens, there came a sound like a wind rushing. It was a wild and furious wind.

It rattled the windows and rattled the doors. (SW)

The wind seemed to fill the entire house where we were gathered.

It rattled the tables and rattled the chairs. (SW)

The wind swirled around us and unnerved us.

It rattled our arms and rattled our legs. (SW)

It rattled our knees and rattled our elbows. (SW)

It rattled our heads and rattled our hearts. (SW)

With the wind came dancing flames of fire.

They danced on our arms and danced on our shoulders. (SR)

Then the flames seemed to rest above each of our heads.

They danced on our heads and danced in our hearts. (SR)

The wild wind ceased,

and the peace of the Holy Spirit settled upon us.

The Spirit danced in our heads and danced in our hearts. (SR)

Each of us began to proclaim the good news about Jesus Christ.

Each of us spoke the good news in a different language.

Each of us spoke in languages we had never spoken before –

as the Spirit danced in our heads and danced in our hearts. (SR)

Then we got up and left that house. We moved out into the streets to share the good news. People gathered to listen, and each one heard the good news in their own language.

By the power of the Spirit, we danced the good news for them.

We danced with our voices and danced with our words. (SR)

We danced with our arms and danced with our legs. (SR)

We danced with our knees and danced with our elbows. (SR)

We danced with our heads and danced with our hearts. (SR)

In the dancing and in the speaking, in the wind and in the flame, the good news about Jesus was proclaimed.

After that day of Pentecost,

we went out into the world to share the good news.

And God's Spirit continues to dance in our heads and dance in our hearts, and dance in our arms and dance in our legs, and dance in our knees and dance in our elbows, and dance in our dreams and dance in our lives. Amen.

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

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SOLOIST: Ben James – “Thou Art God”, by *Lionel Bourne*

SERMON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love. In the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and your Word brought all things into being.

Through a burning bush, you spoke to your prophets and your people. With glowing coals you touched their lips, that they might speak your word of truth and justice. By fire and your Spirit, you have guided us through the wilderness.

We give you thanks and praise, O God of wind and word, power and peace.

Lover of all nations, although we have so often betrayed your promise, you have never left us nor forsaken us. You sent us Jesus, your Gift of Grace, our Light and Flame. You poured out your Spirit upon us, to create, renew, inspire, that all might be made whole.

We bless you, for your Spirit wraps us in your presence, drawing us closer in community.

And so it is that on this feast of Pentecost, we give you praise and thanks for your many gifts, joining with all your people that as one body we may proclaim your praise:

Holy, holy, holy God,

power of life and love!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna through the ages!

Blest is the One who comes

to bring your justice to earth!

Loving God, Holy One, we offer you praise and thanksgiving over this bread and cup, because in Jesus Christ, your only Son, you have joined yourself forever to us, uniting heaven and earth. Now, therefore, we gratefully remember: Jesus' birth into our humanity, baptism for our sin, compassion for our suffering, intimacy with our frailty, rebuke of our pride, bearing of the cross with its death, and rising from the tomb by the power of God.

On the night before he died, it was Jesus who took a loaf of bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and said, "Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying, "This is the new covenant; remember me."

**We proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

Loving God, creative Power, blessing your name, we seek your Spirit. Come to us and bless these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ; the sign and seal of our forgiveness in him, and our adoption as the children of God.

As we eat and drink together, make us one with Christ and one in Christ, a sign of his eternal reign in all the world.

This sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving we offer you, loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. We pray as Jesus taught: Our Father... (VU #921)

Invitation

Fraction and Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you God.

Grant that what we have done and have been given here, may so put its mark on us, that it may remain always in our hearts.

Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, and that ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ's name. Amen.

***HYMN: Come O Holy Spirit # 23 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 AND BENEDICTION

We are the church!

We follow where the Spirit leads,

daring to be risk takers wherever we go,

We are filled with the breath of the Holy Spirit!

May the blessing of God, Creator and Giver of Life,

the Son, Life of God incarnate, and the Holy Spirit,

bearer and power of new life among all people

be with us now and forever. Amen.

***CHORAL BENEDICTION VU # 884: You Shall Go Out with Joy**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE:

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MAY 28:	CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	JUN 10	Annual Summer Plant Sale 10am – 2pm, 81 Cochrane St Patio
JUN 4	CSUC – Tim Reynolds Flower Service <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	JUN 11	CSUC – Karen Critch
		JUN 18	CSUC – Bert Riggs <i>Father's Day</i>

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. 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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: For Pentecost Sunday on May 28, Rev. Karen encourages congregation members to wear something red (scarf, tie, sweater, etc.).

BROADVIEW MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS are now up for renewal. If you would like to renew your subscription or receive a yearly subscription for the first time, please contact Paula Reynolds at (709) 325 2106 or see me in church on or before June 11, 2023. Yearly subscriptions are \$25.00. You can pay me in cash or by cheque. Please make cheque payable to "Broadview".

OUR FLOWER SERVICE: On Sunday, **June 4**, flowers will be dedicated in celebration of special events, for special people or in memory of loved ones. Forms have been sent to everyone on our mailing list to dedicate flowers. A few copies will be available in church. The form can also be found on our website at <https://www.cochranestreetuc.com/cochrane-street-news>. Please drop off your forms at the church office by Thursday, June 1st. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at 722-3023.

BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH: For the month of May, we are suggesting Pasta Sauce. **JUNE is personal care items** – shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. (*preferably non-scented*). Please be considerate of those with sensitivities to scent. All donations of any kind are appreciated. 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).

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 in mind 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.

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.

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.

CAFÉ OF MEMORIES: Join Lodge Westmoorland in partnership with the Alzheimer Society as we host an afternoon of entertainment and refreshments for people living with dementia and their care partners. Freemasons' Hall, 155 Mount Carson Avenue, Mount Pearl, **June 6, 2:00–4:00pm**. To register, call 709-576-0608 or email events@alzheimernl.ca. Event **FREE** of charge. Next date will be September 5, 2023.

CHANGES – An Afternoon Of Song: On **May 28, 2–4:30pm**, Evan Smith (vocals/piano) is joined by the incredible Holly Daley (vocals) & Tiffany Pinhorn Smith (vocals) at Sláinte on 115 Duckworth! They will perform their own unique arrangements of songs by some of the world's most cherished musical artists. Be the first to hear some of Evan's original songs and there's even a surprise special guest! Spend the afternoon enjoying local artists and delicious food & drinks while taking in the gorgeous harbour view! For tickets, head to Showpass.com and search "Changes: An Afternoon of Song" OR contact Evan directly (709-725-6391, evan.watts.smith@gmail.com).

DISNEY DAZZLE: St. John's Choir featuring St. John's Chamber Choir presents Disney Dazzle! **Sunday, June 4, at 2:30pm**, at First Light Centre for Performance & Creativity. Tickets available at the door \$25; children under 10 free. Door open at 2PM