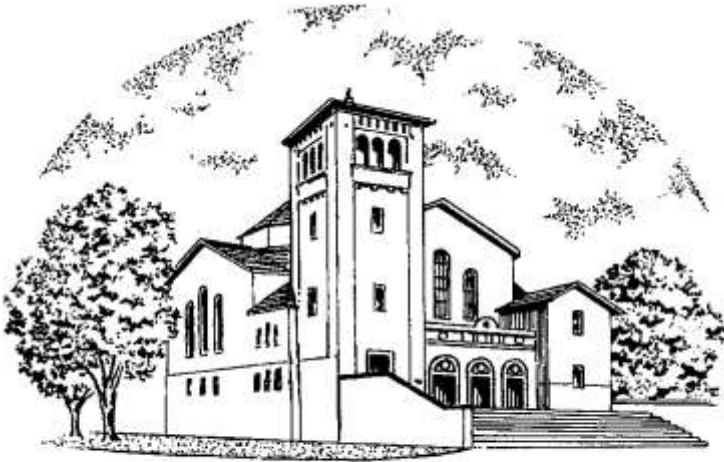


Cochrane Street United Church

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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 APRIL

Keith Bowden, Harold Grandy,
Brian Johnston, Sandy Stavlo, Sandra Garland

OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 3:00 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** indicates 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 the congregational email for detailed announcements.

* INTROIT VU # 412: "This is the Day" (vs 1)

***This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.***

*LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE AND PASSING OF THE PEACE:

The light of Christ is with us.

Here, now. In this place.

In Christ, although we are many, here, we are one.

Let our actions 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 # 2: "Come All You People"

***Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
Come all you people, come and praise your Maker,
Come now and worship the Lord. (Repeat)***

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come today from different places, walking different roads.

People: **We each come on our own Road to Emmaus.**

Leader: We come hungering for greater understanding.

People: **We come listening for the wisdom of the Scriptures.**

Leader: We come seeking renewal of our faith.

People: **We come to discover the One revealed to us through the Resurrection**

All: **We come to grow more fully in our role as followers of Christ.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Loving God, as an Easter people, we gather today to celebrate your ongoing presence in our community of faith. But like the disciples on the Road to Emmaus, we are sometimes filled with uncertainty. Regrettably, when we do not understand, we often hide behind traditions that hurt and exclude. As the Christ of Resurrection, come into our midst; through the power of the Holy Spirit show us new possibilities. Help us to know your will more fully and move forward as faithful witnesses in your world. Amen.

*** HYMN VU # 402: "We ARE ONE" (vs 1, 2 & 4)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy and merciful God, we come before you as a sinful people. Our thoughts and our deeds often cloud the triumphant joy of Easter.

Though your grace surrounds us everywhere we go, and though you walk with us on our journey, we often turn a deaf ear to your call for commitment.

Forgive us our sins merciful God. Help us to recognize the power of the risen Christ. Give us a spirit of patience and willingness to be ready to hear your voice. Strengthen us to accept the ministries you have placed before us. In Jesus name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured, then, that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding and forgiving. Amen

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!
Amen**

*** HYMN VU # 663: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

LEARNING TOGETHER

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 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

All good gifts come from you, O God, and from those gifts which we have received we bring these offerings. May they be used for the fulfillment of your purpose in this place and to provide help for those in need. Help us to be generous givers not just of our resources but our lives, that we might make a difference in our world. Through Christ we pray. Amen

ANTHEM: “Day by Day”, by Martin How

GOD’S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy God, prepare our souls to hear your Word. Silence in us any voices but yours. In hearing, may your voice implant your Word into our hearts. In Jesus’ name. Amen

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24: 13–35

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

SERMON: “The Road to Emmaus and back”

Reflective Music

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE

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

*** HYMN VU # 563: “Jesus You have Come to the Lakeshore”**

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 MV # 209: “Go Make A Difference”**

Go Make a difference. We can make a difference

Go make a difference in the in the world.

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POSTLUDE

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, APRIL 14	CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson
Sunday, APRIL 14	ACM (refreshments provided) ~ 12:45pm Congregational Meeting Re: Pilot Project (Community Hall)
Sunday, APRIL 21	CSUC – Rev. James Ravenscroft CSUC Service @ ST. JAMES UC
Sunday, APRIL 28	<u>CORRECTION:</u> CSUC – Bert Riggs
Sunday, APRIL 28	Possible Congregational Mtg Re: Pilot Project after service (Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you wish to have an announcement included in the bulletin, 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.

PILOT PROJECT WITH ST. JAMES: Our pilot project with St. James will partially commence on Sunday, March 3rd, 2024. *Tim Reynolds*
Chair, Church Council

SJUC – Time off for Study: Rev. James will be taking time to finish up his latest course in the two weeks after Easter. He will be leading worship on the Sundays and will be available in case of emergency.

BATHROOM RENOVATION: First Light received a grant from Service NL to renovate the washroom near the Minister's office to make it fully accessible – lowered sink, leveled floor, button on the door, and a nice face lift! In the meantime, there are washrooms available on the second floor, near the community hall / event space.

THANK YOU: Sunday, April 14, marks the start of National Volunteer Week. The church runs on volunteers. We couldn't live out our mission and ministry without your contribution of time and talent. Whether it is ushers, our PowerChurch data entryist, members of the choir, council members, our archives personnel, leaders of special projects, or those who do wellness checks. Your time keeps our church at work in the community! Thank you all for your amazing contributions to the life of our congregation and for the way you make a difference!

THE GOWER SERVICE AND SOCIAL CLUB will hold its next dinner meeting on Tuesday, **April 16**, starting at 6:00 p.m. The menu is roast beef, with vegetables, a light appetizer and dessert. There will be an after-dinner speaker: Frank Corbett, former Senior Economic Analyst for Fisheries and Oceans Canada. PLEASE let Bert Riggs (briggs@mun.ca) know if you plan to attend by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14.

SJUC – Eventide Worship: Every Sunday at 7PM we have our Eventide Worship service. This Sunday is Tapestry. This service celebrates the strands that make us who we are in terms of faith, experience, and identity. Based on a theme, the service makes use of popular music as its "hymnbook". Participants are invited to bring a text or other media that represents the theme. Time is given for individual and shared reflection.

St. James – Potluck and Games Night in the Auditorium: On Saturday, **April 13**, 2024, at 6 pm. Bring something to share for supper and stay for fun, playing board games and even a game of cards!

St. James – Pub Theology: Thursday, **April 18** at 7:00 pm, it's time for Pub Theology at the Guv'nor Pub. Come for a time of conversation about faith, spirituality and life's big questions. All are welcome!

ST. JAMES – AOTS FISH & BREWIS DINNER: Tickets are available from any member of the AOTS Men's Club or Aubrey Hill - 709-726-8306. Join us Friday, **April 26**, 2024 at 6pm. Cost \$25.

United Church of Canada E-ssentials – Remit 1 Vote Results:

Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization has passed. All 16 voting regional councils, the National Indigenous Council, and just over 80% of pastoral charges in The United Church of Canada voted in this process.

*National Indigenous Council and Regional Councils: **Yes: 17; No: 0***

*Pastoral charges: **Yes: 1482; No: 93***

The decision on enacting the remit will take place at the Annual Meeting of General Council, on October 19, 2024. Once enacted, the change will be included in the next edition of *The Manual*. (The process for remits is outlined in the United Church Manual, in section F, on pages 108-111.). On the General Council 44 website, you can find more detailed information about the remit result, as well as a statement from the National Indigenous Council (<https://generalcouncil44.ca/news/>) in response to the vote results.

BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH: For each month of 2024, Bridges To Hope will be suggesting a much needed food item for members of our partner congregations to consider for donation. **APRIL'S** suggest item is canned fruit. Of course other non-perishable items are always welcome.

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.

