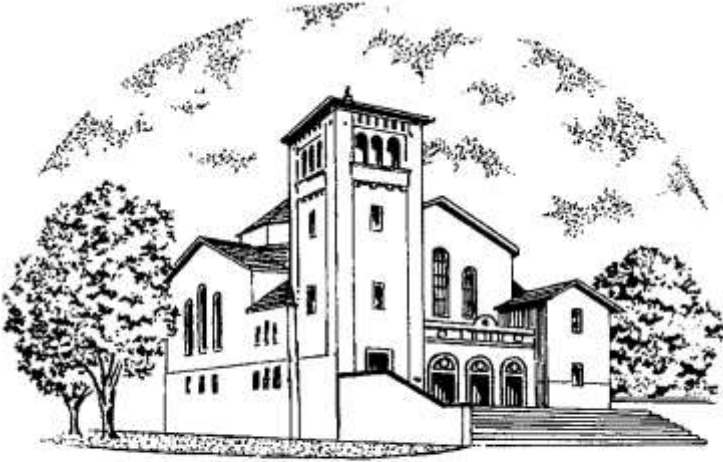


# Cochrane Street United Church

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## January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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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 # 267: Like a Mighty River Flowing (vs. 4)

4 Like the morning sun ascended,  
like the scents of evening blended,  
like a friendship never ended  
is the perfect peace of God.

## 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 # 18: Lord Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary,**

**Pure and holy tried and true:**

**With thanksgiving, I'll be a living-**

**Sanctuary for you.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you**

Leader: In Galatians we read, "The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

**People: May they become the law by which we govern our lives.**

Leader: Since we live by the Spirit, let us stay open to the Spirit's calling. Isaiah wrote, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found. Call ye upon him while he is near."

**People: God is here, near at hand! The Holy Spirit is all around us! With God's help, we will strive to do everything that the Scriptures command of us as followers of Christ.  
Amen**

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Holy God,

**Creator God, you are truly deserving of our praise. You give us voices with which to witness for you, hands to extend out in care, and hearts to reach out in love. May your calling make its roots grow deeper and deeper within our souls, as the Holy Spirit equips us and inspires us with power to do your will. In Christ we pray. Amen**

**\*HYMN : How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds # 344 VU**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Leader: Merciful God, from you comes all truth, all healing for our troubled souls.

**People: Forgive us, O Lord, for the times when we have listened to voices who do not speak for you.**

Leader: Forgive us for the weakness that has led us at times to seek the healing water of life at springs which can never satisfy.

**People: Forgive us for not testing the waters before we jump in, only to find ourselves in trouble.**

Leader: Have mercy and remind us once again of your forgiving power.

**People: Touch us and make us whole.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Leader: No matter where we are, God is there. No matter what we have done, God forgives. No matter how reluctant we are to accept God, God accepts us just as we are. With that assurance, receive forgiveness and go forward in hope.

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

**\*HYMN: Great Is Thy Faithfulness # 288 VU**

## **LEARNING TOGETHER:**

### **OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY**

#### **\*OFFERTORY HYMN VU #389: God Is Here (vs. 4)**

4 God of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Loving and compassionate God, we recognize you as the one who heals the wounded spirit and gives new life to the broken hearted. We offer our gifts to you, O God, as a sign of our commitment to your service. Take us and use us so that your Kingdom may be realized on earth. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

## **GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

Holy God,  
You speak to us in many ways,  
through rushing wind or still small voice,  
in Scripture's Word and through your Grace;  
Help us hear your voice above the clamour of this world,  
recognize the difference and follow only you. Amen

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      **Deuteronomy 18:16 - 19**  
The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

**\*RESPONSIVE PSALM**                      **Psalm 111, VU page 833**

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      **Mark 1:21 - 28**  
The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:** Brightest and Best the sons of the morning, *by Malcolm Archer*

**SERMON:** How our attitudes affect our actions  
*Reflective Music*

**\*HYMN:**                      **We Are Pilgrims on a Journey**                      **# 595 VU**

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

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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:**                      **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**                      **# 664 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 AND BENEDICTION

Let us go in peace to love and care for one another in the name of Christ Jesus. Let us remember that life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, quick to forgive and always be kind.

## SUNG BENEDICTION #209(MV)

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.

## POSTLUDE

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, JANUARY 28	CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson
Sunday, JANUARY 28	CCOPC Mtg (1 <sup>st</sup> of two) Event Space, Immediately after worship
Tuesday, JANUARY 30	CSUC Council Mtg, 7PM (ZOOM)
Sunday, FEBRUARY 4	CCOPC Mtg (2 <sup>nd</sup> of two) Event Space, booked 1:00pm–3:00pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** If you wish to have an announcement included in the bulletin, please have it into the office by Thursday at noon.

**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.

**PARKING ON SUNDAYS:** If the Bannerman parking lot is full when you arrive, there MAY be parking available at Stewart Avenue that's behind the building previously known as the College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CRNNL).

**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 at [pt2reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:pt2reynolds@gmail.com).

**PILOT PROJECT WITH ST. JAMES:** We received approval this week to proceed with our pilot project with St. James United. We will be meeting with representatives from St. James next week to plan our next steps in the implementation of our collaboration project. More details will be provided as they become available.

Tim Reynolds  
Chair, Church Council

**NEXT MEETING OF CHURCH COUNCIL** is scheduled for Tuesday, **January 30, 2024**, via ZOOM. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact David Peters at [davidpeters22111963@gmail.com](mailto:davidpeters22111963@gmail.com).

**2024 CHURCH CALENDARS:** There are still some left at a cost of \$10.00. If anyone is interested, **please contact the Church Office** (709-722-3023, [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com)) to place an order.

**FOUND:** To claim, please contact the Church Office (709-722-3023, [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com)): **watch** with black strap on January 21, **green scarf** on March '23, and white **scarf** edged in green from Tanzania National Parks on January 25.

**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. For **JANUARY**, we are suggesting peanut butter and Cheez Whiz. Stay tuned for February items of the month! Of course other non-perishable items are always welcome.

**ST. JAMES UC PANCAKE SUPPER:** Our pancake supper will be held on Tuesday, February 13, at 6pm. Come enjoy all the favourites; pancakes, berries, beans and sausages, coffee, tea and juice for just \$10 per person (12 years and under \$5). Tickets available at the church office or from Aubrey Hill at (709) 726-8306 or Clyde Flight at (709) 722-9935. *Tickets must be purchased in advance.*

### ***REVISED*** NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Cochrane Community Outreach and Performance Centre Inc.

**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

On Sunday, January 28, 2024, immediately following the morning worship service, a special meeting of the members of Cochrane Community Outreach and Performance Centre Inc. (CCOPC) will be held in the event space at Cochrane Centre. As of December 2023, the five-year management agreement between Cochrane Community Outreach and Performance Centre Inc. and First Light has officially ended. The CCOPC Board of Directors has received and unanimously moved to support an ownership proposal from First Light. First Light's proposal will be presented to the CCOPC membership at this special meeting by Breannah Flynn, Director of Business Operations for First Light, ***followed by a Q & A session and opportunity for discussion.*** It should be noted that the Cochrane Street United Church congregation's continuing access to worship in the building would be guaranteed by First Light.

The second membership meeting to be held on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, will provide an additional Q and A opportunity, after which a motion to support First Light's proposal will be presented to the membership for a vote.

## WORKS IN ACTION: RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Join us next week for our webinar [Works in Action: Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-unity-church-of-canada-foundation-fondation-de-legli/events/wia-reconciliation/) on Tuesday, **January 30, 2024**, at **12 PM ET / 9 AM PT!**

This webinar will spotlight the important reconciliation work happening in the United Church with the support of the United Church of Canada Foundation. Foundation Board Member and Chair of Joint Grants Committee, Royal Orr, will moderate and we'll hear stories and reflections from our panelists Michael Shewburg (Five Oaks Centre), Ian McLean (Peachland United Church), and -Shauna Kennedy (McDougall United Church).

**To register for this FREE virtual event:**

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-unity-church-of-canada-foundation-fondation-de-legli/events/wia-reconciliation/>



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