

Cochrane Street United Church

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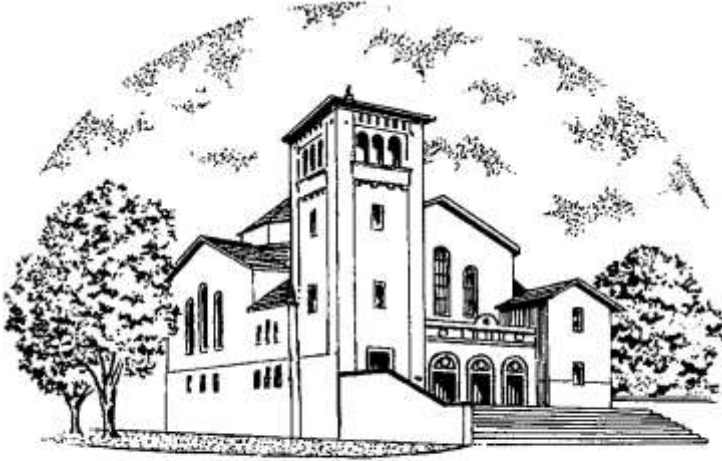


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March 31ST, 2024 Easter Sunday

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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 MARCH

Ian McMaster, Blair Bradbury, Bill Squires

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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From Barry, June & Family*

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 #166: Joy Comes with the Dawn (vs 3)**

**REFRAIN: Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.**

**We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise,
to the One who brings us grace. R**

*** LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE & PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

The light of the Risen Christ is with us.

Here. Now. In this place

May the light of Christ rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

Let us open ourselves to receiving His presence.

By His glorious resurrection, may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us in his care.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC MV #115: *Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New
Behold, Behold, I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, Behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way. (Repeat)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We are the people of God; he loved us and chose us for his own.

People: **We come to worship our Risen Christ who has forgiven our sins.**

Leader: We have been raised to life with Christ through his resurrection.

People: **We come praising God with thanksgiving in our hearts.**

Leader: Yes, we have been raised to new life in Christ, but we have work to do.

People: **Let us open our minds and hearts to hearing what God requires of us.**

All: Come, let us worship our Risen Lord. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

God of Resurrection, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of all life. From the depths of despair, you raise us with him, and you renew your spirit of hope within us. As we celebrate our Lord's resurrection, we pray that you would increase in our hearts and minds the awareness of our many blessings. Help us to grow as your people, in loving fellowship with you and with those who share the road of our earthly journey. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN VU # 155: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Leader: When we, like Peter, deny that we know you:

People: **God forgive us.**

Leader: When the risks of discipleship are high, and we turn our backs:

People: **God forgive us.**

Leader: When we cast our lot with the material world and seek to find meaning & purpose through monetary means.

People: **God forgive us.**

Leader: When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth:

People: God forgive us.

All: In the bright light of Easter Day, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed. Empower us by your love so that we may witness to all your wonderful works. In the name of Jesus, the Risen One we pray. Amen.

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. With that assurance, receive forgiveness and go forward in hope.

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

***HYMN VU # 162: *The Glory of our King* (Tune Arlington #591)**

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 #91: *Cradle Me in Your Arms

**Cradle me in your arms,
cherish and comfort me.**

**O Jesus, source of heading love,
in your presence I am free (Repeat)**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We bring our gifts to you, O God. Here is the work of our hands, the fruits of our labors, and the love of our hearts. Accept them and use them in your service. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Reader: Sandy

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

***RESPONSIVE PSALM 118**

Parts 2&3, VU Page 837

Reader: Sandy

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 15:2-10

Reader: Jenna

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

ANTHEM: Praise His Holy Name, *by Keith Hampton*

GOSPEL READING

John 20: 1-18

SERMON: “Letting Go and Moving On”

Reflective Music

HYMN VU #173: *Thine is the Glory, Risen Conquering Son

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE

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

***HYMN VU #352 “*I Danced in the Morning*”**

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 VU # 424: *May the God of Hope Go with Us

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.**

**May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

POSTLUDE

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| Sunday, MARCH 31 | CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson
EASTER SUNDAY
<i>CORRECTION: There will be no communion</i> |
| Sunday, APRIL 07 | CSUC – Rev. James Ravenscroft
COMMUNION |
| 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 | CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson |
| 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.

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.

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

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! Renovations began on Monday, March 4, 2024. In the meantime, there are washrooms available near the community hall / event space.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION! Bette Anderson's family is having an 85th birthday party for her on Saturday, April 13th! It's a drop in at a very special place to Bette. Finger food and a glass of wine if you wish – best wishes only.
3:00-5:00pm
O'Malley's Pub, lower level,
Lane's Retirement Living
351 Newfoundland Drive

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. The suggested item of the month for **MARCH** we are suggesting Beans; **FOR APRIL**, canned fruit. Of course other non-perishable items are always welcome.

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of our Dear Friend, Gerry Penney,
From the McMaster Family*

In Memory of Gerry Penney, From Tim & Paula Reynolds

*In Loving Memory of a Dear & Special Friend,
Margaret Elaine (Lewis) Dakins, From Ian Barrett*

*Flowers In Loving Memory of Alexander, Violet, Ted Reid & Family,
From Barry, June & Family*