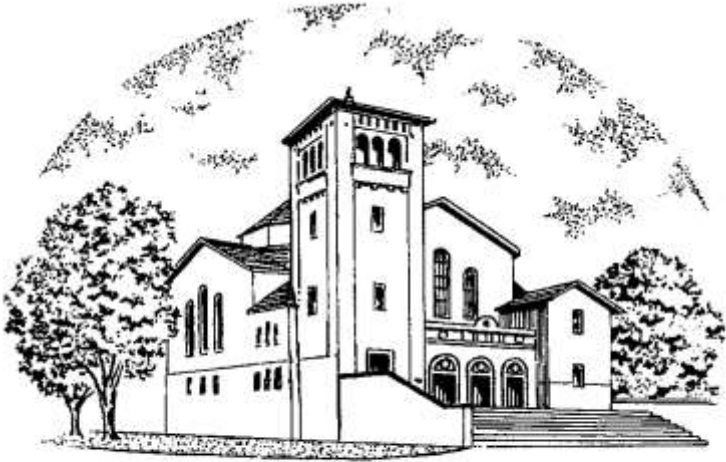


Cochrane Street United Church

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October 15th, 2023 WORLD FOOD SUNDAY

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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 #249: Rejoice in the Lord Always

Rejoice in the Lord always

and again I say rejoice! (clap, clap)

Rejoice in the Lord always

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Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice! (clap, clap)

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*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

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:

Here in this place, with these people,
we come to worship the living God.

**In you, O God, we hope;
in you, Creator of love, we live.**

Here in this sacred space, in these very moments,
we are invited to the Table of Joy.

**In you, Christ of the Way, we rejoice;
in you, dear Brother, grace is as near as your heart.**

Here on this day of gentleness and beauty,
we are filled with the peace of God.

**In you, O Spirit, we find our path;
in you, Teacher of hope, we learn to serve.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

**When we realize how we are blessed beyond every imagining,
we can sing of your surprising grace and your steadfast presence
to a world which has grown deaf from the noise of empty clichés.**

**When we remember your love which has no beginning and
no end, when we stand in grace's sweet waters swirling around our
hearts, we can rejoice in your hope which sees every person, even
those we would never invite into our circles, as your beloved child.**

**When we remember your call to treat every single person with
dignity, justice, and hope, we can share your peace (even when we
don't recognize it) with a society which believes violence is the
solution to every single problem.**

**God in Community, Holy in One, as you live in us, so we
will live for others, guide us as we worship you. Amen**

***HYMN: Seek Ye First the Kingdom # 356 VU**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**You would call us to your feast, Inviting God, but our busy lives
keep us from responding. You remember every word we utter, every
prayer we whisper, but we forget all the little ways you care for us.
You would make your gentleness known through us, but we lash out
in anger and fear towards others.**

**Forgive us, God of all hope, and remember your Servant, Jesus
Christ. In him, we can live in your way. Through him, we can learn
the dreams you have for us. With him, we can open our arms and
embrace all the people we meet. Amen.**

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

As we are forgiven by God, we can begin to reflect on all those ways in which we can live justly, act honourably, love completely. This is indeed good news for us.

At the Wedding Feast, we are fed with grace, and nourished with joy, so we may go and bring hope and peace to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

***BAPTISM HYMN: Child of Blessing, Child of Promise # 444 VU**

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.

Congregation Response:

Today we receive Logan Connor Patrick Strickland into the family of Christ with joy and thanksgiving

We are members of the Body of Christ and inheritors of God's promise. Logan in the name of Christ, we welcome you. As a baptized and baptizing church, we commit ourselves to support you within the community of faith. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism, nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer and encouraging one another in God's work.

In God's circle of love, we hold on to each other;
I can see God's love through you.
In God's circle of love, we learn to love each other;
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.

Oh Logan did you know that you are very special?
You're so special to us all
Oh come if you will to our circle of love.
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.

In God's circle of love, we hold on to each other;
I can see God's love through you.
In God's circle of love, we learn to love each other;
Each of us is special, in God's circle of love.

LEARNING TOGETHER

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN VU # 537: Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands**

- 1 Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.
- 2 Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

May not only our gifts, but our lives, be the grace and hope which bring healing to the broken, as well as food and nourishment to all who hunger and thirst for justice and peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

O God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING:

Exodus 32:1–14

Reader: Stephen Jewczyk

Worshipping the golden calf

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSIVE PSALM:** Psalm 106, VU# 830

Reader: Charlotte Jewczyk

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 4:1–9

Reader: Charlotte Jewczyk Rejoice in God always; again I say, rejoice

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:1–14

Violence at the wedding banquet.

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ – **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON:

ANTHEM:

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (#960 VU)

***HYMN: O God of Bethel VU # 650**

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 #425: God Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 God, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace;
O refresh us, O refresh us,
travelling through the wilderness.

POSTLUDE

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday,	OCTOBER 15	WORLD FOOD DAY CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursej
Tuesday,	OCTOBER 17	ZOOM CSUC Council Mtg, 7PM
Sunday,	OCTOBER 22	PEACE SUNDAY CSUC – Bert Riggs
Sunday,	OCTOBER 29	CSUC Invited to George St, 2PM <i>No CSUC worship service</i>
Sunday,	NOVEMBER 5	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY CSUC – Bert Riggs

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.

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 College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CRNNL).

BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH: For each month of 2023, Bridges To Hope will be suggesting a much needed food item for members of our partner congregations to consider for donation. For the month of **OCTOBER** we are suggesting canned milk. Of course other nonperishable items are always welcome!

THE GOWER SERVICE AND SOCIAL CLUB will be holding its next dinner meeting on Tuesday, October 24, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. The menu will be Jiggs Dinner with all the trimmings; the after-dinner speaker will be local sculptor-blacksmith Ian Gillies. If you plan to attend, please let Bert Riggs know by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, at briggs@mun.ca.

GEORGE STREET UC “CELEBRATION OF LIFE” CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE: The congregation of George Street United Church are extending an invitation to anyone who would like to attend our closing worship service on Sunday, **October 29, 2023, at 2 p.m.** The service will be presided by the President of First Dawn Eastern Edge, Amanda Barnes. We are also expecting various special guests and dignitaries to be in attendance. A reception will follow the service in our Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre. While it is with sadness that this service will be marking the disbandment of our congregation, it is the congregation's hope to highlight and celebrate the

legacy of George Street United Church's ministry to our community over the past 150 years. For this historic service, we are looking forward to it being well attended by as many folks as possible from our Communities of Faith in the United Church.

GEORGE STREET UC "OPEN HOUSE": For those who may or may not be able to attend the worship service, the congregation will also be having an "Open House" on **Saturday October 28**, 2023, from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** for folks to drop by and stroll through the church and sanctuary. Welcoming all to attend both events!

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. Brian Johnston and Sandy Stavlo are reviewing the lists of persons on the Roll and contributing valuable additional information to Council. Anyone interested in assisting with the project should contact Sandy Stavlo, who is the lead for Council with this project, through the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

FROM OUR PARTNERS, GUIDE TO THE GOOD

Social enterprise & Social Good: You know that stuff you've been holding on to because you know it doesn't belong in the landfill? Maybe it will find its place at the Zero Waste Festival! Come by on Sunday, October 15, at the Ecole du Grant Vents on Ridge Road from 10am-5pm. There will be Zero Waste workshops, demonstrations, zero waste vendors, kids crafts and more. Here's a list of what you can bring - <https://www.guidetothegood.ca/q2g-stories/bring-zero-waste-festival>

- Small Appliances and vacuums
- Air Scent Products
- Flexible packaging that beans come in
- Packaging for deodorant, soap, mouthwash, floss, toothpaste tubes/brushes, flossers,
- Old & Broken Tools
- Batteries
- Small Plastics
- Aluminum can tabs
- Vases
- Make-up packaging
- Unwearable clothing