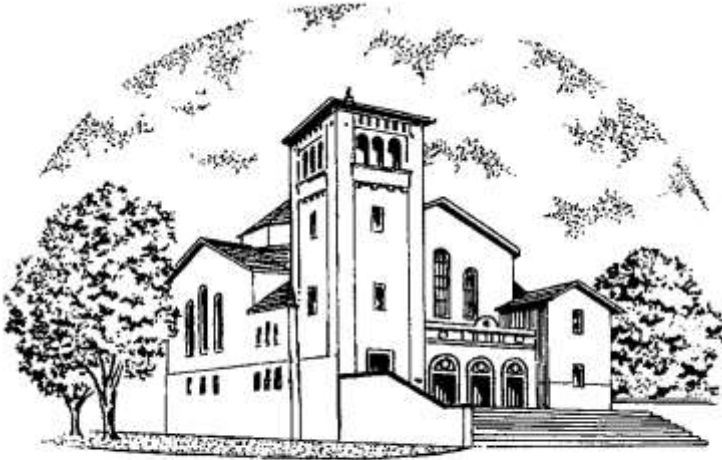


Cochrane Street United Church

81 Cochrane Street ♦ St. John's, NL ♦ A1C 3L7



September 10th, 2023 **15th Sunday after Pentecost** **CREATION 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 SEPTEMBER

Jalna McMaster, Jo-Ann Kelly, David Molyneux, Fraser Ellis

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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Website: www.cochranestreetuc.com

Cochrane Centre Contact information for bookings
709-754-2532 or info@cochranecentre.ca

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 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 #381: Spirit of Life

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

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 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 VU #82: A Light is Gleaming (Refrain)

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms

throughout the night, living in the light.

Come share its gladness, God's radiant love

is burning bright, living in the light.

LEARNING TOGETHER

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY

*OFFERTORY HYMN VU #538: For the Gift of Creation

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER:

May our gifts go forth into our world, so that where people hunger, they may be fed; where there is war, peace might be welcomed; where families are broken, they may be made whole. Then others will be as blessed as we have been by your love, grace, and compassion. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Eternal God,
in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown.
Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 12:1–14

Reader: Sandy Stavlo *Instructions for the first Passover.*
The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSIVE PSALM 149: VU # 873, Refrain 1

Reader: Sandy Stavlo *Instructions for the first Passover.*

EPISTLE READING: Romans 13:8–14

Reader: Charlie Pope *Owe no one anything but love.*
The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:15–20

Where two or three are gathered in my name.
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ – Thanks be to God

***HYMN: To Show By Touch and Word # 427 VU**

SERMON:

ANTHEM:

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

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

***HYMN: Fight the Good Fight # 674 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 (based on Matthew 14:22-33):

Send us out now, O God, in twos and threes
to be the grace and compassion the world needs.
Send us out now, O Jesus, alone and together,
to work for justice for all the forgotten.
Send us out now, O Spirit, as your people
to bring peace to the brokenness around us.

***SUNG BENEDICTION VU #586 (vs. 1):**

1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

POSTLUDE:

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SEP 10	CSUC – Rev. Karen Burse	OCT 01	WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY
SEP 17	CSUC – Rev. John Maich		CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson
SEP 19	ZOOM CSUC COUNCIL MTG 7PM	OCT 07	Harvest Sale 10:30am-1pm
SEP 24	ORANGE T-SHIRT SUNDAY	OCT 08	THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
	CSUC – Bert Riggs		CSUC – Rev. Karen Burse

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.

Worship service back in the sanctuary: As the temperature in the sanctuary is more pleasant, now, we will return to worship in this space.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL

*when walking through the Cochrane Street entrance.
Basic work has started for repairing a portion of the driveway
and to install a ramp at the middle doors.*

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

RENAMING OF ST. JOHN'S ARTS & CULTURE CENTRE: To honour the life and legacy of the late John Crosbie Perlin, who was a beloved member of our church, the Provincial Government announced that the Arts and Culture Centre in St. John's will be **renamed the John C. Perlin Arts and Culture Centre**. In addition to his long and illustrious life of philanthropy, as well as his service to the monarchy, John had a successful career as a public service employee. During his time with the provincial public service, he was instrumental in the establishment of the province's network of Arts and Culture Centres. This dedication will ensure that the history of our Arts and Culture Centres, as well as John Perlin's contributions to Newfoundland and Labrador's cultural sector, are remembered for years to come. The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure will issue a tender for new signage, and a dedication ceremony will be planned for Spring 2024.

FALL PLANT AND HARVEST SALE: Our fall plant and harvest sale is Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 10:30am–1:00pm. Drop off your indoor and outdoor plants and chutneys, relishes, jams and marmalades at 81 Cochrane Street on October 7, from 9:30–10:30am. If you need your plants picked up, please contact the church office by Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at info@cochranestreetuc.com or 722-3023.

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@cochranstreetuc.com.

BURRY HEIGHTS DAY: Save the date of Saturday, September 16, 2023, for Burry Heights Day. A time of fun, friendship and music. A time to experience the magic as you reminisce with old friends and meet new.

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. These items are staples and will go a long way to ensuring that hampers can be filled. For the month of **SEPTEMBER** we are suggesting canned soup. Of course other non-perishable items are always welcome. Thank you for your support!

BAG TO SCHOOL: Thank you for your support! As we finish another successful Bag to School Campaign, we are grateful for the incredible support from our corporate sponsors, donors, and everyone who joined us in our mission to help these kids thrive this school year! With your generosity, we exceeded our goal, **distributing over 400 school bags** filled with essential supplies. Your compassion and kindness have truly made an enormous impact.

FROM OUR PARTNERS, GUIDE TO THE GOOD

Social enterprise & Social Good: What's on the go at the St. John's Habitat for Humanity ReStore social enterprise? There's lots - starting with a place to donate or buy kitchen cabinets! Check out this Inside Scoop with ReStore Manager Jon Rossiter and Guide to the Good's Kim Todd! To see our live Inside Scoop with Jon Rossiter of the Habitat ReStore on Kenmount Road, St. John's Join here:

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SABBATICAL SCHEDULE / Acting Executive Minister: Effective July 1, through to and including September 30, 2023, the Executive Minister, Faith March-MacCuish will be taking sabbatical. During this time, Regional Ministers will be serving as Acting Executive Minister as outlined below:
Heather Sandford: -800-268-3781, Ext. 6155; hsandford@united-church.ca
September 1 – September 30