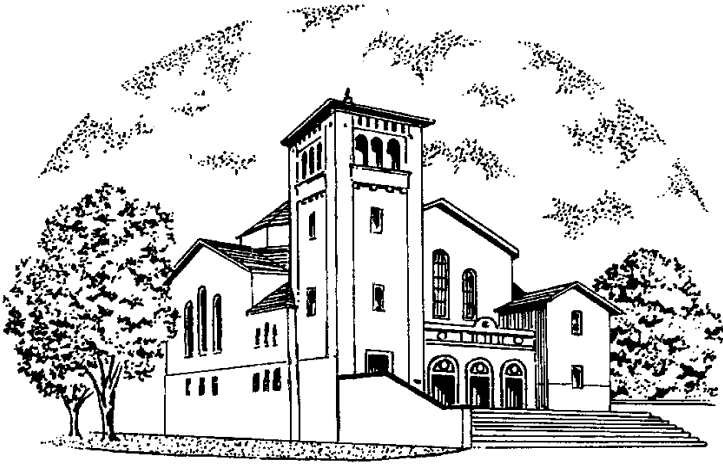


# Cochrane Street United Church

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## July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

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# Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

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Whether you are here for the first time or this is your church home – welcome to our community of faith.

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## USHERING TEAM FOR JULY 31

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

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## **GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*please stand as you are able

\*\*bold is in unison

Let us take a moment now to think of why we are here. In quiet thought and prayer, prepare to receive the gifts of our faith community and the gifts of God in this season of resurrection.

*(silence)*

**God is here. Thanks be to God! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

### **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:**

#### **\*INTROIT: VU #672: Take Time to be Holy (vs. 1)**

Take time to be holy, speak oft with your Lord;

abide in Him always, and feed on His word.

Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.*

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

On this last Sunday of July, we remember Jesus Christ, the light of our world. I invite you to join with me in opening your hands, your hearts and your spirits in whatever way is good for you. Let us open ourselves to our Creator.

**God is here with us.**

**We open our hearts to the Living One.**

Let us thank God for all that is good.

**We thank God for all that is created and good.**

Celebrating the goodness of God,

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:**

All of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ.

**It is God who gives us the ability to stand firm.**

God has commissioned us.

**And God has identified us as his own**

By placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts

**As the first installment of everything he will give us.**

*(Adapted from 1 Corinthians 1: 20-22 by Austin D. Hill)*

### **PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Gracious Jesus, as we gather, let your presence be felt among us.

**Let us be reminded of how you walked alongside your disciples,**

**risen yet alive. Let us be reminded that you travel alongside us**

**and all living creatures, each and every day, in all**

**circumstances of our lives. Bless us as we worship you! Amen**

**\*HYMN: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

**VU # 264**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who have wronged us.

We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Hallelujah! Amen**

### **LEARNING TOGETHER: Sir Thomas Cochrane (1789-1872)**

**\*HYMN: All Things Bright and Beautiful**

**VU # 291**

## **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](mailto: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:**

Creator God, we are grateful that you can satisfy our every desire and need. Your word says that we should give honor to you with the first fruits of our wealth. Accept our humble offerings as a gift of worship to you. **Multiply what we give for the effective growth of your kingdom. Amen**

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

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** 2 Samuel 7: 1-14  
The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING:** St. Matthew 7: 1-8, 21-29  
The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

**SOLOIST:** Ben James

**SERMON:** “Are we Building with Legos?”

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

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

**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:**

Go forth today, bathed in the warmth of the love of God and aware of the relationship God wants to have with you.  
In the days ahead, may you be blessed with worship, joy, and connection, and find time to rest each day. **Amen and Amen.**

**SUNG BENEDICTION: Walk with Me**

**VU # 649**

Walk with me, I will walk with you  
And build the land that God has planned  
Where love shines through.

**POSTLUDE**

*The call to worship and most of the prayers for today were adapted from prayers written by Fr. Thom Shuman found on his site Lectionary Liturgies.*

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

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| <b>JUL 31:</b> Bert Riggs                                 | <b>AUG 21:</b> Rev. Karen Bursey |
| <b>AUG 7:</b> Betty Barnes                                | <b>AUG 28:</b> Karen Critch      |
| <b>AUG 14:</b> CSUC Joining Cowan Heights UC<br>Communion | <b>SEP 4:</b> NO SERVICE         |
|   | <b>SEP 11:</b> David Peters      |

## **2022 MEMORIAL SERVICES**

The remaining dates for this year's Memorial Services are as follows:

Monday, August 1, 7:00PM Memorial Gardens Cemetery (Beaumont Hamel Way)

*PLEASE NOTE: In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7:00PM the next evening.*

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

**No Scents Makes Good Sense!** A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Thank you for helping.

**Royal St. John's Regatta Committee - Honorary Life President:** John Perlin has been bestowed with the ultimate honour by the Royal St. John's Regatta Committee. He becomes the third person to be designated Honorary Life President.

**Rev. Oliver on Vacation:** Our Pastoral Charge Supervisor, Rev. Oliver, will be on vacation from Wednesday, July 27, to Monday, August 8, returning to the office on Tuesday, August 9. While Rev. Oliver is away, Rev. Bill Mercer will cover all funerals and pastoral emergencies for Cochrane Street United Church. You can reach him at (709) 683-1980 or [bmercer@wesleychurch.ca](mailto:bmercer@wesleychurch.ca). If Rev. Bill is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds [pt2reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:pt2reynolds@gmail.com).

**CSUC Office Admin on Vacation:** The Office Administrator is on vacation August 2-15. We have Tim Reynolds acting as back up during this time. Should you have any questions, please contact the office as per usual ([info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com) or 722-3023 or [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com)). Tim will check email & voicemail remotely and collect the mail.

**Mission Articulation Plan (MAP) Update:** Your MAP team has been hard at work on your behalf preparing our MAP document, and it is now time for them to check back with the congregation to see if they are on the right track or if you would like them to include other considerations. The document was distributed via email or regular mail to all congregation members this week. All members are encouraged to provide comments on the document either positive or negative. You can email or phone a MAP team member directly, their contact information is included with the document or email or mail your comments back to the church.

**MAP Team members will be available after the church service on July 31 for a meeting to hear your comments and suggestions and answer any questions.**

**STUFF THE MOBILE SHELVING FOR BRIDGES TO HOPE!** We are going to fill our shelving with the following items: Canned Beans, Canned Milk, Canned Meats, Mac n Cheese, 1 litre Juice, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Crackers, Cereal. Any other non-perishable food item would be much appreciated. Thank you so much for your support.

**COMMUNITY HALL AND EXTERIOR WALLS RENOVATIONS:** The contract for work has been delayed; tenders for the contract just closed July 22.

**Commencing in August, 2022**, renovations to the interior space and exterior windows of the community space and apartments by First Light are expected to take place and continue over the summer months into the fall. Renovations to the community space will include new offices, hallways, and the community meeting space itself. Access to the community space will be prohibited during the interior renovations phase of the work. Your patience and cooperation during this period is appreciated.

**SUMMER SERVICES:** The worship committee is looking for volunteers to help lead our services over the summer months. There are lots of ways you can help with this — maybe you could share a reflection/sermon, or lead a learning time, or lead the service with someone else sharing a reflection/sermon. If you are able to help out in any way please contact the chair of the worship committee Paula Reynolds: [pt2reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:pt2reynolds@gmail.com).

**SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER VOLUNTEER:** Council is seeking a volunteer to be actively engaged in Cochrane Street United Church's social media platforms (Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Instagram). These platforms have been developed for several years and are currently managed by Rev. Miriam Bowlby. The successful volunteer will support and update the various platforms on a weekly basis commencing in July 2022. If you are a social media whizz or someone in your household is interested in managing our social media platforms, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com).

**COCHRANE CENTRE REPRESENTATIVES:** Cochrane Centre is seeking representatives from Cochrane Street United Church to sit on their Board. Cochrane Centre was the creation of CSUC and we have 4 representatives on the Board. Currently, there are two vacant CSUC positions on the Board. If you are interested in nurturing and furthering our vision as a centre for the community, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com).

**BAG TO SCHOOL PROGRAM:** Bridges To Hope is determined to send students back to school with everything they need to thrive. Normally, most of our school supplies are donated, but we decided it would be safer to purchase them again this year. Please offer your support and help us spread some relief and joy in our community. Donate at [www.bridgestohope.ca](http://www.bridgestohope.ca).