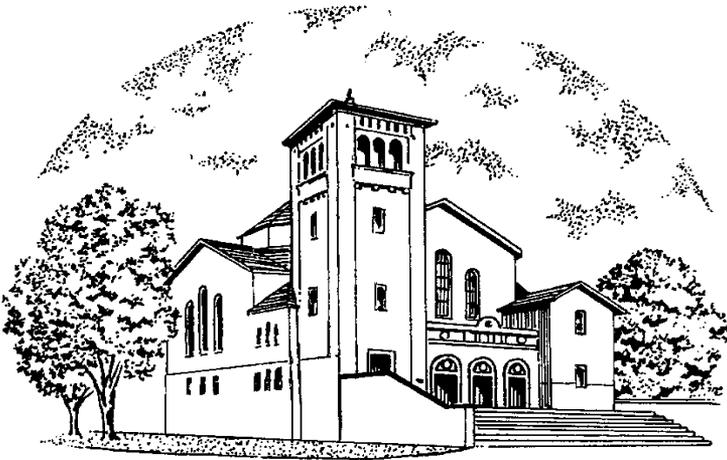


# Cochrane Street United Church

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## October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 World Food Sunday

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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 OCTOBER

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

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Thursdays 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

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## PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND FUNERALS

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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:** Largo, *by George Frederic Handel*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.*

### \*INTROIT VU # 517: Praise God for the Harvest (vs.1)

Praise God for the Harvest of orchard and field,  
Praise God for the people who gather their yield,  
The long hours of labour, the skills of a team,  
The patience of science, the power of machine.

### \*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 VU # 460: All Who Hunger

All who hunger gather gladly, holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here is truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Our God is preparing a feast for all people; a wonderful banquet with vintage wine and gourmet food, the choicest meats, and lavish desserts.

**And the whole world will be invited!**

And God will wipe away the tears from every face, and lift the despair from every heart. And together, God's people will proclaim:

**This is our God, in whom we place our trust! Let us rejoice in the salvation God brings! Amen**

**\*PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Gracious God, in love you open wide the doors and welcome us into your presence— saints and sinners alike. You spread a table before us, filled with the richest fare— a feast of love and mercy for the body and soul. We come with joy to worship you here, to eat and drink at your table, to taste and see your goodness, to celebrate your grace and mercy in our lives. May your Spirit inspire our praise and thanksgiving, our prayers and petitions as we worship together in your presence. In the name of Jesus Christ, our host and companion. Amen**

**\*HYMN: Great is Thy Faithfulness**

**VU # 288**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Loving God,**

Jesus likened your kingdom to a banquet and invited his followers to eat and drink at the table in remembrance. But when he saw injustice, he turned over tables in the temple. We honour you, generous God, for the abundance of creation.

**You prepare a table before us.**

**We thank you, generous God, for giving manna to the Israelites – and to us when we find ourselves in places of wilderness.**

**You prepare a table before us.**

**We praise you, generous God, for the gift of Jesus, who modeled faithfulness to you and who feeds us with holy food and drink.**

**You prepare a table before us.**

**We admit, gracious God, that we have failed to assure that our neighbours at home and abroad have access to the food they need.**

**Overturn the tables in our hearts.**

**We confess, gracious God, our struggles to trust in your abundance.**

**Overturn the tables in our hearts.**

**We acknowledge, gracious God, our silence when we should have spoken and our passivity when we should have acted to end hunger.**

**Overturn the tables in our hearts.**

**And so, loving God, we ask for strength that we might do your will, and live with faithfulness and integrity.**

**Prepare a table before us.**

**Surely your goodness and unfailing love will follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

God's love is sure and steadfast,  
always providing a way out,  
a way through, a way back to God.

We are a forgiven people.

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

**LEARNING TOGETHER: What is World Food Day?**

**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 VU # 541: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise god, all creatures high and low,  
Give thanks to God in love made known,  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Generous God, we offer our gifts in response to your call to care. We offer them with gratitude and love, trusting that you will use them to feed bodies, minds, and hearts. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

**GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament

Isaiah 58: 6-11

Psalms 121:

VU # 844

New Testament

Matthew 13: 1-9

This is the Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:** Prayer of St. Francis, by *Peter Togni*

**SERMON:** Food Enough for All

**\*HYMN VU # 501: Break Now the Bread of Life**

Break Thou the Bread of Life, Dear Lord, to me,  
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;  
My spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word.

Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me,  
Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;  
Give me to eat and live with Thee above;  
Teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art Love.

Oh, send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,  
That He may touch my eyes, and make me see;  
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,  
And in Thy Book revealed I see the Lord.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,  
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,  
And I shall find my peace, my All in all.

## 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.

**\*HYMN: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

**VU # 651**

## 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 BLESSING

Go out from here as the people of God, strengthened in your desire to live and act as God's people in our hungry, hurting world. And may the blessings of God – boundless love, redeeming grace, enduring presence – be among you and within you, now and forever. Amen.

### \*SUNG BLESSING VU # 964: Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

**POSTLUDE:** Recessional, by *William Mathias*

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



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to John Perlin's family and friends. John passed away Monday, October 10, 2022. His funeral service took place Friday, October 14.



## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

OCT 16: CSUC – Bert Riggs

OCT 16: MAP congregational meeting  
(tea / coffee / cookies provided)

OCT 23: CSUC – Stephen/Charlotte Jewczyk

OCT 30: CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson

NOV 6: Remembrance Day Service

NOV 6: 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.**

**PASTORAL COVERAGE FOR CSUC:** While Cochrane Street United Church is without a minister, Rev. Oliver Dingwell will be covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals. He can be reached at (709) 640-4632 or by email at: [odingwell@cowanheightsunited.ca](mailto:odingwell@cowanheightsunited.ca). If Rev. Oliver is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds [pt2reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:pt2reynolds@gmail.com).

**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.

**THE GOWER STREET UNITED CHURCH MEN'S CLUB** will be having a dinner meeting of the season on Tuesday, October 18, at 6:00pm, in the Gower Lecture Hall. All interested members of Cochrane Street United are welcome.

### **MAP REPORT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – OCTOBER 16, 2022**

The Mission Articulation Plan Report was approved by Council on September 29, 2022. A copy of the report has been circulated and made available to the congregation last week. A congregational meeting will be held after worship service at 12:30pm on October 16, 2022, for consideration by the congregation. You may wish to bring a sandwich lunch with you to have between the worship service and the congregational meeting. Tea, coffee and cookies will be made available to the congregation.

**CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY:** Work on the community hall began Tuesday, September 27, with the expectation of it being finished as early as Friday, November 11, 2022, if things move along as planned. The community space will not be accessible at this time. Should you need access to the building, please contact the church office (722-3023, [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com)) or First Light (754-2532) before arriving so we can let you in through the Minister's entrance/laneway or the church doors. Your patience and cooperation during this period is greatly appreciated.