

Cochrane Street United Church

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September 18th, 2022 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

Roger Crosbie, Jim Austin, Jeff Critch, Jim Oakley

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
Thursdays 10:00 am – 2:30 pm
Fridays 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

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PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND FUNERALS

Rev. Oliver Dingwell will cover all pastoral emergencies and funerals.
He can be reached at (709) 640-4632

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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

***INTROIT: BEFORE THE EARTH HAD YET BEGUN (vs. 1, 2) VU # 301**

Before the earth had yet begun
its journey round the burning sun,
before a seed of life had stirred,
there sounded God's creating Word.

In the bright dawning of the world,
ere ocean surged or wind unfurled,
the vaults of heaven with praises rang,
the morning stars together sang.

***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 for us
and for all Creation. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC: BEFORE THE EARTH (vs. 4) VU # 301

For mind can never comprehend,
our noblest words can but pretend
to grasp God's glory, praise alone
is our companion by that throne.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

God, maker of plants and animals and all things, invites us to this place.

We are glad to be here.

God, who has created all things for our goodness, invites us to this place.

We are glad to be here.

God, who has called us to care for the Earth and all its inhabitants, invites us to this place.

Come, let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Creator God, we are awed by the creation you have made – the plants and animals (including humans) that you have placed within this world. In this time of worship, may we be aware of the gifts of flora and fauna that are part of Creation, and all created things.

Amen.

***HYMN: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING VU # 217**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of raptor and puffin, beaver and meadow vole, moose and squirrel, codfish and bluefin tuna;

God of violet and daffodil, spruce and dogberry, pine-clad hills and rocky outcrops; we are in awe of all you have done for us.

You created a world of plants and animals that can live in such wonderful harmony; yet too often we exploit, we devastate, and we leave things in ruin. Forgive us and guide us in the restoration of the harmony you intended. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

We do not change the world by worrying about it but by dedicating ourselves and our actions to doing God's will. When we fail, God forgives us and asks us to try again. Know that ours is the God of perpetual second chances! **Amen.**

LEARNING TOGETHER: What is the Season of Creation?

***HYMN: FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH VU # 226**

OFFERING INVITATION:

God has given us so much. May we respond today and always with our gifts, our time, and ourselves because our community needs them.

OFFERTORY 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-Authorized Remittance) or use the donate button on our website.

***OFFERTORY HYMN: IN GRATITUDE AND HUMBLE TRUST VU # 544**

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

God, our Creator,
through your love you have given us these gifts to share.
Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our
concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet
Earth. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any
voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: GENESIS 1: 25-31

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

***RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 104: 14-23 (pg. 826b)**

REFRAIN 1: Bless, O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation

Part Two (24-35)

O God, how manifold are your works!

With Wisdom at your side you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures. R

There lies the great and mighty Sea,
teeming with living things both great and small.

Upon it sail the ships, and there is Leviathan,
the monster you made to play in it.

All these look to you,
to give them their food in due season.

**What you give them they gather up.
When you open your hand,
you fill them with good things.**

But when you hide your face they despair.
When you take away their breath, they die,
and return to dust.

**But when you send out your spirit, they live again,
and you renew the face of the earth. R**

May your glory, O God, endure forever.

May you rejoice, O God, in your works.

When you look at the earth it trembles,

when you touch the mountains they smoke.

I will sing to God as long as I live.

I will praise my God while I have being. R

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 12: 22-31

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

ANTHEM: Jerusalem, *by C Parry*

SERMON: “The Beasts of the Fields Will Glorify God”

Reflective Music

***HYMN: IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE VU # 264**

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: THIS IS GOD’S WONDROUS WORLD**

VU # 296

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: O GOD WHO SHAPED CREATION (vs. 1) VU # 276

O God who shaped creation
at earth's chaotic dawn,
your word of power was spoken,
and lo! the dark was gone!
You framed us in your image,
you brought us into birth,
you blessed our infant footsteps
and shared your splendoured earth.

POSTLUDE

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SEP 11: CSUC - David Peters

SEP 18: CSUC – Bert Riggs

SEP 25: Tim & Paula Reynolds

SEP 25: Orange Shirt Day

OCT 01: CSUC's Plant & Harvest SALE

OCT 02: CSUC - Rev. Marion Davis

OCT 02: World Wide Communion Sunday

OCT 02: 2:30pm Learning about Residential Schools & Indigenous History in NL

OCT 09: CSUC – Betty Barnes

OCT 09: Thanksgiving Sunday

OCT 16: CSUC – Bert Riggs

OCT 23: CSUC–Stephen/Charlotte Jewczyk

OCT 30: CSUC - Rev. Peggy Johnson

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.

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. If Rev. Oliver is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds 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.

FALL PLANT AND HARVEST SALE: Our fall plant and harvest sale is Saturday October 1, 2022, from 11:00am–2:00pm. Drop off your indoor and outdoor plants and chutneys, relishes, jams and marmalades at 81 Cochrane Street on October 1, 2022, from 9:30–10:30am. If you need your plants picked up, please contact the church office by Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at info@cochranestreetuc.com or 722-3023.

The Gower Street United Church Men's Club will be having its first dinner meeting of the season on Tuesday, **September 20**, starting at **6PM** in the auditorium. Anyone from Cochrane who would like to attend, will be made very welcome. The menu is fish and brewis; cost \$10. Please RSVP Tim Reynolds (325-4661) by NOON on Monday, September 19.

Learning the History of Residential Schools and Indigenous History in Canada: Join us on **October 2, 2022, 2:30pm**, for an insightful presentation and discussion about the history and on-going impacts of residential schools on Labrador Inuit. "OUR LONG JOURNEY: THE LEGACY OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS IN LABRADOR", is hosted by Cochrane Street United Church with presenters Andrea Procter, distinguished author of "A Long Journey: Residential Schools in Labrador and Newfoundland", and Ashley Dicker, a proud Inuk from Nain and the descendant of multiple generations of residential school survivors. The presentation will also include: Kilautiup Songuninga - Inuit Drum group, Immali – throat singers, and Elders. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited. Advance **registration** is required by contacting Ashley Dicker at 709- 899-2867 or ashleydicker@outlook.com by **September 27**. **The event is free** and will take place in the event space, entrance via 42 Bannerman Street. All are welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP is being planned early this fall for all communities of faith in First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council. This informative webinar will be held **Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 11:30am–1:30pm, using Zoom** video conferencing. More details and Zoom meeting links will be available closer to the workshop date.

UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE is September 21, 2022. Established by the United Nations in 1981, "Peace Day" is an opportunity for everyone to promote peace personally, politically, and communally.

Faith FORWARD – 2022 Web Event Series: We're re-imagining ministry with children, youth, and families. This means challenging existing assumptions and practices and experimenting with ones that are more like the kind of life to which Jesus invites us. This web series will inspire and equip you to do this hope-filled work. **\$25** for each event // **\$60** for all three – discount available for students and those with financial limitations. To register and for more details, go to this website: <https://www.faith-forward.net/events>.

EVENT ONE: September 28, 1:00-2:15pm ET (with Lakisha Lockhart)
Embodied Faith: Using Play to Enhance the Lives and Faith of Our Children

EVENT TWO: October 26, 1:00-2:15pm ET
Internal Welcome and External Witness: LGBTQ Youth Ministry with Ross Murray

EVENT THREE: November 9, 1:00-2:15pm ET
Reflections on Decoloniality within Youth Ministry with Shantelle Weber

STELLA'S CIRCLE will be **recruiting new board members** in advance of their AGM at the end of September in the areas of: Board/Governance, Risk Assessment Management, Strategic/Corporate Planning and Financial Literacy/Accounting, based on an analysis of their board matrix and the gap areas they will have with some upcoming departures. They are also recruiting in areas of diversity, including young people and anyone with lived expertise in the areas that Stella's Circle serves. For more details: FB: <https://www.facebook.com/stellascircle/photos/a.1555710881375575/3336110296668949/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StellasCircle/status/1562124672853999616>

Insta: <https://www.instagram.com/p/ChnCjsQOvHL/>

Website 1: <https://stellascircle.ca/join-our-board/>

Website 2: <https://secureservercdn.net/50.62.194.59/q0u.7cb.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Ad-for-Directors-2022.pdf>

INVESTING IN RECONCILIATION: I am writing to share with you an invitation from the United Church of Canada Foundation to attend a webinar on "Investing in Reconciliation" on **September 21** for United Church investing bodies (congregations, regions, educational institutions, and national organisations). The webinar will feature two SHARE staff: Joseph Bastien, Project manager, [Reconciliation and Responsible Investment Initiative](#), and Sarah Couturier-Tanoh, Manager, Corporate Engagement. Sarah and Joseph have been leading SHARE's work to help companies and investors build reconciliation into their business and investment plans. Please share with finance and investment committee members and anyone else who may be interested. For more information and to register, please visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lh-soEmiRSC0XOwKhwtT3g

ORANGE SHIRT DAY: On **September 30**, 2022, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential institutions. This year, Indigenous communities across the country continue to share the truth they have always known: that many of the children who never returned home remain on the grounds of those institutions in unmarked burial sites. These communities are now seeking to honour the missing children.

On Orange Shirt Day we also observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. For non-Indigenous Christians in particular, this is a time to reflect on their role in colonialism and the ongoing responsibility to make reparations. For more information, please visit: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/honour-children-who-attended-residential-schools>

TO ORDER T-SHIRTS, please visit: <https://sinfc.wildapricot.org/osd>. Cost, \$20. Adult & Youth sizes. Limited stock. Choose your logo – Every Child Matters or Decolonize YYT. 100% of proceeds go towards the development of First Light's Residential Schools Survivor Memorial Garden. First Light will bring the purchased T-Shirts to the church office by Thursday, September 22. To ensure you receive yours on-time, **please advise the church office of the number and sizes ordered by 10AM Tuesday, September 20** (722-3023, info@cochranstreetuc.com).

GOWER STREET BLOCK PARTY: The Anglican Cathedral, The Basilica, Gower Street United Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church invite you to the annual Gower Street Block Party on **September 18, from 12:30pm–3:00pm**. Join us on Gower Street, in front of the Anglican Cathedral, for live music, entertainment for kids and adults and of course, some food for all. The Gower Street Block Party will be a free community event. Everyone is welcome to attend!

TAKE OUT HOT TURKEY DINNERS: Pick up at Cowan Heights United Church on Saturday, **September 24**, at 4:30pm. The meal includes: fresh turkey (white & dark meat), dressing, potatoes, carrot, turnip, gravy, cranberry sauce, roll & butter pattie, and dessert! \$20 per dinner. For tickets, call the church office at 745-2871. **Deadline to order is September 18, 2022.**

FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL (FPT) MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SENIORS FORUM has launched a public consultation on how older adults experience ageism and potential solutions for addressing it. **Please complete the questionnaire** and share your story on our website by **September 30, 2022**. Visit our website for more information at <https://esdc-consultations.canada.ca/ageism-consultation>.

RENNIE'S RIVER DUCK RACE: Join us **October 16, 2022**, at **NOON** on Rennie's Mill Road between Carpasian Road and Portugal Cove Road. The race starts at Herder Bridge. The first ducks across the finish line win one of 3 prizes for their sponsor. This Annual Rennie's River Duck Race is a fundraiser for the Quidi Vidi / Rennie's River Development Foundation. Each ticket purchased comes with 6 awesome bonus coupons. Funds from this event help support our environmental education, conservation and stewardship initiatives. Tickets \$10 each or three for \$25. Come by The Fluvarium at 5 Nagle's Place to get your tickets. For further information, call 722-3825.

Easter Seals NL – Register today for Run, Walk, Stroll, and Roll:

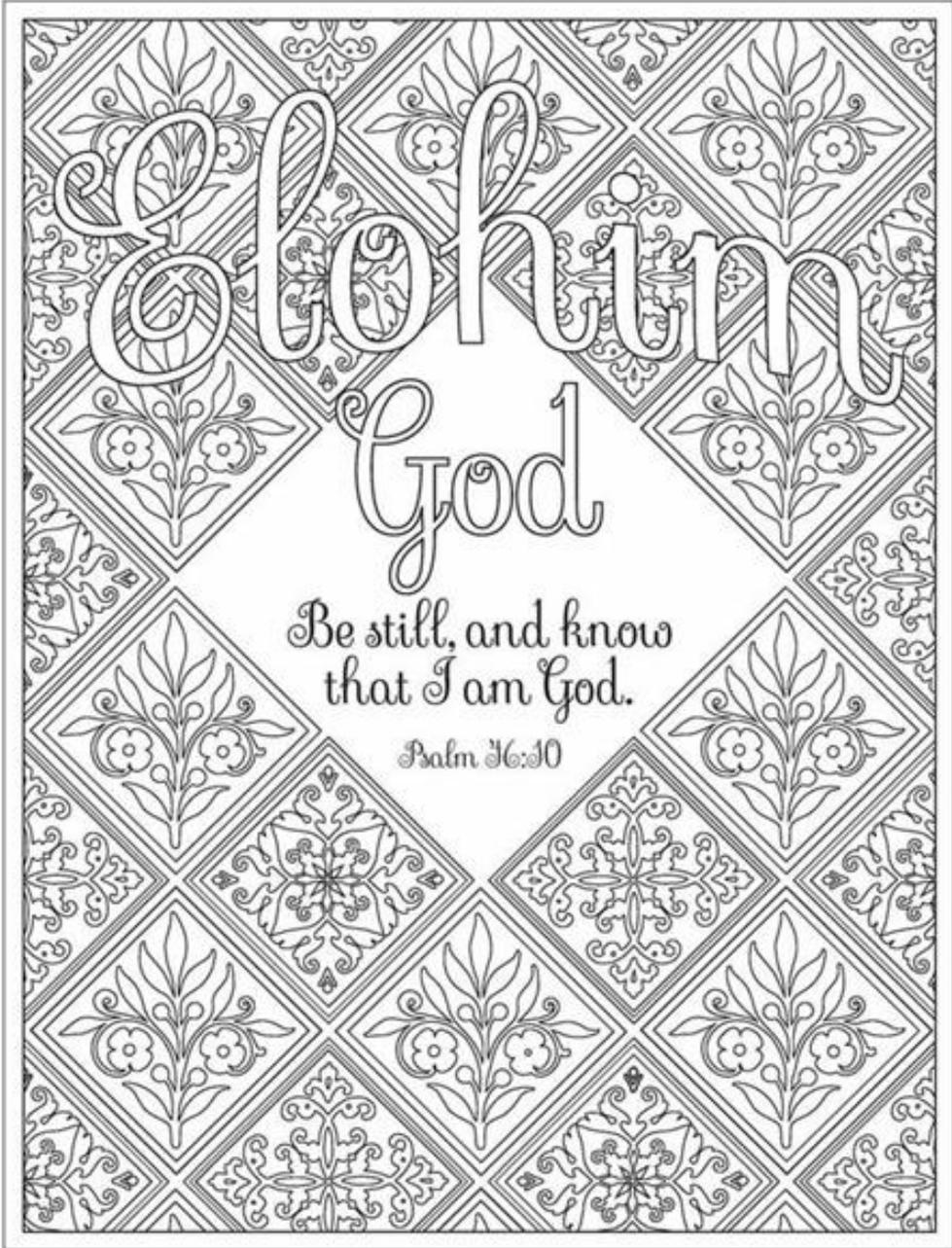
Easter Seals NL invites you to register for Run, Walk, Stroll, and Roll at Bowring Park on Saturday, **September 17** (*rain date: Saturday, September 24*)! At this fun, family event, you will have the option of completing a 2km loop (paved) or a 5km loop (trailed). Feeling like you want to push it to 10km? We will cheer you on every step of the way! And stick around for food, entertainment by Julianne Meaney, and lawn games. For more information about this event, check out our website at <https://eastersealsnl.ca/events/run-walk-stroll-and-roll/>.

EASTER SEALS NL: Welcome to our monthly planner! View planner items on the website, <https://eastersealsnl.ca/planner/>. Items posted in the Planner reflect **current** or **upcoming events, programs, and career services information**. For a full list of programs and details please visit the Easter Seals NL website www.eastersealsnl.ca.

2022 ST. JOHN'S RED SHOE CREW – WALK FOR FAMILIES:

During September 2022, Ronald McDonald House Newfoundland and Labrador will host the annual Red Shoe Crew Walk for Families event in communities across the province. Come join us at The Bungalow at Bowring Park on Saturday, **September 24**, from 1pm to 3pm. Register today at www.WalkForFamilies.ca/stjohns. This important and fun initiative helps raise awareness and funds to provide a home away from home for sick children and their families when they need it most.

THE PIANO MEN: The Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra welcomes **Evan Smith**, who will bring to life the incomparable music of Billy Joel and Elton John in "The Piano Men" presented by East Port Properties. It will be a night to remember! The NSO's The Piano Men takes place at 8PM on Friday, **January 27** & Saturday **January 28, 2023**. Tickets are available at the ACC Box Office (729-3900), online at www.artsandculturecentre.com and at the door.



Behold
God

Be still, and know
that I am God.

Palm 46:10