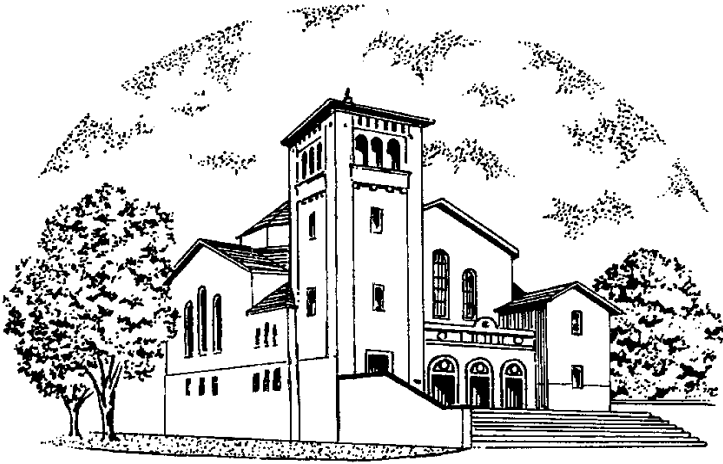


Cochrane Street United Church

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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 AUG 21

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

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays	9:00 am	–	1:30 pm
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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:

***INTROIT: VU #220: Praise to the Lord the Almighty (vs. 1)**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;

O my soul, praise him, at all times your health
and salvation.

Come, all who hear:

brothers and sisters draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.

***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:

Before we got up this morning
and decided to come to church,

**God was waiting for us,
to welcome us with grace.**

When we are unsure of what to do;
when we falter before the next step,
**we come to listen to God's voice,
to learn from the One who teaches us
all we ever need to know.**

When we are surrounded by cruelty and injustice;
when our fears cripple our souls,
**God delivers us with steadfast love;
we are set free to be God's sons and daughters.**

So let us gather to worship, to learn and be strengthened
that we may be able to serve.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Rock of Ages: when we are afraid and can only whisper
our fear, yet once more, you bend over to listen to us. When
everyone acts as if they can't remember our name, yet once
more, you know us as your Beloved. When we cannot seem to
tell others all that you have done for us, yet once more, you put
the Word into our mouths. And we tremble with praise.

Word of the Lord: when others would weigh us down
with shame and guilt, yet once more, you set us free with your
joy. when we are bent over by our doubts and questions, yet
once more, you reach out to touch us with your hope and
grace. And we tremble with praise.

Refuge of Wisdom: when we wander from one crippling
spirit to the next, yet once more, you lead us into hope. When
our fears shake us to the core, yet once more, you touch us
with your serenity. When we cannot stand up and see our way,
yet once more, you take us by the hand to lead us home. And
we tremble with praise.

God in Community, Holy in One, yet once more, we
tremble with praise and joy as we gather before you and pray.

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Yet once more, we come to you with our prayers, Holy God. Our crippling spirits keep us from following you. Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way. Our anger becomes a fire which scorches our friends and loved ones. Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different.

Forgive us, God our Rock, and set us free from our wrong-doings and failures. From the day of our birth, we have known your love, grace, and hope. So may we offer you our joyful thanks, as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, reaches out to touch us with your healing forgiveness, yet once more.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

God chooses not to turn a deaf ear to us, but to listen to our prayers. God chooses not to shame us, but to save us.

This is, indeed, good news for us! We are set free to drink deeply from the waters of life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today I present Brianna Paige Tuttle, daughter of Racheal Ryan and Hogan Tuttle for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism.

United Church Creed Voices United #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 Commitment:

One: Today we receive Brianna into the family of Christ with joy and thanksgiving

All: We are members of the Body of Christ and inheritors of God's promise.

Brianna, 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 Brianna 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

*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-Authourized Remittance)
or use the donate button on our website.*

***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. *(vs. 2 on next page)*

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 we welcome your gifts with thanksgiving, Loving God. May we share you gifts with grace, so others might be touched by your love, healed by your touch, fed and nourished by your compassion as well as the fruit of your creation. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy God, You speak to us in many ways, through rushing wind or still small voice, in Scripture's Word and through your Grace. Help us hear your voice above the clamour of this world, recognize the difference and follow only you. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 1: 1–10
The Call of Jeremiah: "But I'm only a boy"

***RESPONSIVE PSALM 71: 1–6 VU # 789**

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 13: 10–17
Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath

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

SOLOIST:

SERMON:

Reflective Music

***HYMN: Dear God Who Loves All Humankind VU # 608 (all vs.)**

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: Where Cross the Crowded Way of Life

VU # 681 (all vs.)

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:

Having been welcomed with grace, let us go out this day.

**We will go to serve all of God's children,
deciding to meet them where they are.**

Having listened to God's Word,

Let us go to share what we have learned.

**We will go to stand with those who are uncertain about life,
to walk with those who have stumbled on their journey.**

Having been set free by the Spirit

let us go to be sisters and brothers with all.

**We will go to release those bound by cruelty and injustice,
to bring healing to those crippled by fears.**

SUNG BENEDICTION VU # 884: You Shall Go Out With Joy

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE

Call to worship and some prayers are by Rev. Thom M. Shuman

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AUG 21:	CSUC - Rev. Karen Bursey
AUG 28:	CSUC - Karen Critch
AUG 28:	Evan Smith's last service with us Celebrating our music ministry together
SEP 04:	NO CSUC SERVICE
SEP 11:	CSUC - David Peters
SEP 30:	Orange T-Shirt Day
OCT 01:	Plant & Harvest

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.

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.

CELEBRATORY TIME FOR EVAN SMITH: Immediately after the August 28 worship service, there will be a celebratory gathering for Evan Smith, our music director, as this will be his last worship service leading in music at Cochrane Street United Church. All are invited to join in the celebration and to wish Evan well on his future endeavours. There will be coffee, tea and cookies served at no cost to those who attend. However, a donation plate will be available at the gathering for those who wish to contribute to the cost of the event. If you intend to join us for this celebration, you will be required to register to allow Council to plan the event. Please register by Monday, August 22, 2022, at info@cochranestreetuc.com or contact the church office at 722-3023.

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.

COMMUNITY HALL AND EXTERIOR WALLS RENOVATIONS UPDATE: Due to the extensive work required for renovating both the community hall and exterior walls, the contract for work has been revised and divided into two separate projects. The interior construction will now begin September into the fall, while the windows of the community space and apartments will be replaced commencing Spring of 2023. 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.

Mission Articulation Plan (MAP) Team: Members of the team (Blair Bradbury, Heather McMaster, David Peters, Charlie Pope, and Tim Reynolds) have almost completed the plan and will be forwarding it soon to the Church Council for their action. Please feel free to contact any member of the team if you have additional information by speaking to them on Sundays or contacting them directly by phone or email.

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.

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.

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.

RECYCLABLES: Drop off your recyclables at any Green Depot and use the Cochrane Street Code (our phone number) 7223023. Your empty containers will support the ministries of our congregation! Don't forget to drop off your eligible tetra or gable containers and glass containers (including beer & wine bottles) for a refund. Thank you in advance for your help. For more information, check out this website: <https://www.greencan.ca/?page=start>

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. We are confident that with the help of our Corporate Sponsors and your generosity, we can achieve this goal. Students will be given a top-quality school bag packed with all the top brand products and headphones to ensure they start the year off right. Please offer your support and help us spread some relief and joy in our community — both to the students and their parents. Donate at www.bridgestohope.ca.

