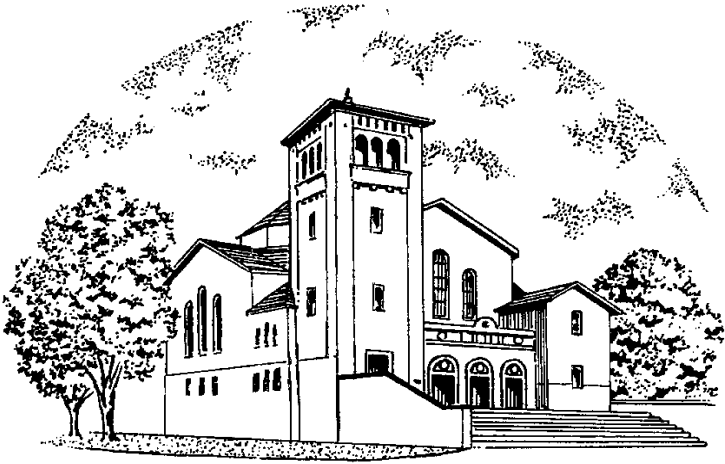


Cochrane Street United Church

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



August 28th, 2022

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

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: MV #122: This is the Day that God Has Made**

This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad!

Repeat

Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!

We will rejoice and be glad!

Repeat

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 #7: Gather Us In

Gather us in, ground us in you. **(2X)**

Gather us in, gather us in,

ground us, ground us in you.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.

We come to celebrate God's presence,

and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,

and the life we are called to live.

We come as a pilgrim people

searching for ways to live out our faith.

We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

O God, as a gentle rain soaks the earth,

may your peace and love fall upon us,

bringing growth and life.

Soak into our innermost being.

Quiet all that makes us anxious.

Help us to linger in your presence,

and send us out refreshed, to carry your peace to others. Amen.

HYMN It's a Song of Praise to the Maker (vs. 1–3)

MV # 30

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

You have called us by name, Lord,

and made us your family.

Yet we do not always live

as one body in Christ—

we neglect to care for your creation;

we forget that our neighbor is also our sister, our brother.

Forgive us, we pray.

Loosen the chains

we place on our lives—

chains of burden and busyness,

chains of ignorance and stress.

Free us to care for your family,

that we all might dance, sing,

and praise your glorious name! 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

HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (all verses)

VU # 333

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

*OFFERTORY HYMN VU # 542: We Give You but your Own

We give you but your own
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone
We give it gratefully

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy God,
reveal your presence to us this day.
Send your Spirit upon us
that we might listen, discern, and take heart.
Be near us this day
and may your Word with us stay
and dwell with us forevermore. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 2:4–13

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

*RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 23 pg. 748

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 14: 1, 7–14

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

SOLOIST: Evan Smith – **His Eye Is On The Sparrow**

SERMON:

Reflective Music

HYMN: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (vs. 1–3) VU # 378

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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness (all verses)

VU # 288

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 VU # 422 (vs. 1): God Be With You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AUG 28: CSUC - Karen Critch

AUG 28: Evan Smith's last service with us
Celebrating our music ministry together

SEP 04: CSUC Joining George Street UC

SEP 11: CSUC - David Peters

SEP 25: 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.

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.

MISSION ARTICULATION PLAN (MAP) UPDATE: The MAP Team has submitted its final MAP report to Council. Council will be reviewing the report in early September and then make its recommendations to congregation at a congregational meeting later in September. Thank you to our MAP Team members for their concise report and hard work in delivering the report in such a short time frame. Members of the team are Blair Bradbury, Heather McMaster, David Peters, Charlie Pope, Tim Reynolds and Rev. Ian March MacCuish as United Church of Canada Representative.

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.

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>

ENVELOPES: Do you need envelopes? If so, please contact Harold Grandy at hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca.

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 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.

FOOD DRIVE FOR BRIDGES TO HOPE: Cowan Heights United Church will hold a Drive Thru Food Drive on Saturday, **August 27**, from 10am–12pm in the Church Parking Lot. All Donations will be going to Bridges to Hope Food Aid Center to help them relieve hunger in our community.

CAR WASH FOR BRIDGES TO HOPE Bag To School Program: Kent Building Supplies Social Committee is having a Car Wash on Sunday, **August 28**, from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. It will be held at 145 Majors Path (Custom Cabinets); proceeds will be going to Bridges to Hope's Bag to School Program.

COCHRANE CENTRE EVENTS: On Saturday, August 27, First Light has an exciting all-day drop in event at 81 Cochrane Street as part of Eastern Edge Gallery's HOLDFAST festival. Events 2pm-7pm are free of charge!

Pop Up Art Gallery: Drop in from 2–7PM to see visual art from several emerging and community artists

Painted Piano Pop Up Concert: 7PM, featuring Gary Johnston and Rebecca Sharr, and Artist Statement by painter Nelson White

PerSistence Theatre's Stolen Sisters: 7PM, starring Deantha Edmunds. Tickets can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/stolen-sisters-tickets-361957293007>

STOLEN SISTERS will be performed at **6pm on August 26 & 28** around the Heart Garden, a reconciliation space located in the east end of the Government House grounds, close to Kings Bridge Road and Commissariat House. The show, starring Deantha Edmunds, will last slightly longer than an hour. Audience members are asked to bring a regular-height lawn chair to sit on to enjoy the performance from the grass seating area. Tickets \$30. All tickets refundable should the unexpected occur; Eventbrite fees are non-refundable: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/stolen-sisters-tickets-361957293007>

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR QUEER RESEARCH INITIATIVE:

We are currently collecting archival materials pertaining to 2SLGBTQ+ history in the province. We have put out a general call for any old pictures, documents, or anecdotes related to LGBTQ2s+ life in Newfoundland throughout our history. We want to celebrate their lives and tell the hidden stories of LGBTQ2s+ Newfoundlanders and Labradorians throughout our history. You can contact us at NLQueerresearch@gmail.com.

Ecclesiastical District - National Historic Site of Canada: Guides will take you through some of Canada's and North America's most significant architectural treasures and historic cultural landscapes dating from 1699. Learn about the art, architects, politics and personalities that shaped the District and made it such an important gateway from Europe to the new world. Please pre-register by calling 754-2170 and arrive at the steps of the Roman Catholic Basilica at 1:00 pm. Tours will run for approximately 90 minutes. Cost is \$20 per person; family rates apply. Please visit us on our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/DistrictToursNL.

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.