

Cochrane Street United Church

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Sunday, April 23, 2023 **The Third Sunday of Easter**

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OPENING PRAYER: (unison)

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Let us pray . . .

Meet us, Lord, on the road to Emmaus.

Guide us on the path of resurrection,

and renew our strength as we walk the road with you.

Open our eyes, so we see

the signs of your presence around us.

Open our hearts, so we may

receive your peace and love;

and empower us to pass on to others

the grace you have shared with us so freely.

In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN:**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks #179VU

ALLELUIA NO. 1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Holy Risen One,

Our hearts are eager to tell your story

and encounter you in our day-to-day lives.

Yet, sometimes our eyes cannot see;

we cannot recognize you.

Forgive us for the times we cannot see you.

Forgive us for the times we did not recognize you.

Remind us that you love us, and we are yours,

even when we don't get it right . . .

A time for Silent Confession and Reflection

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS:

The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away.

The powers of sin and death are defeated,

and there is only everlasting life and love forevermore.

We are forgiven. We are loved.

We are restored to newness of life!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

OFFERING

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.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC: *The Doxology* tune: #217VU

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)

Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have.
They offered their company, their table, their bread.
We invite you to be with us, Jesus,
as we offer you our love, our devotion—these gifts.
May our eyes be opened to your holy presence among us,
Now and always. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (unison)

O Risen Christ,
As you shared the scriptures with the disciples
on the road to Emmaus,
their hearts were burning with the promise of resurrection.
Burn in our hearts, this day, so that in the breaking of bread,
we might recognize you among us. Amen.

HISTORIC READING: *Acts 2:14a, 36-41* Randy Purchase

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: *Psalms 116* (pg. 836VU) The Rev. Oliver Dingwell

EPISTLE READING: *1 Peter 1:17-23* Stephen Jewczyk

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God for this Word.

ANTHEM: "Here, I Am Lord" arr. Ovid Young

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 24:13-35* The Rev. Oliver Dingwell

REFLECTION: The Rev. Oliver Dingwell

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WE SHARE TOGETHER AT THE TABLE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, God of freedom, for you breathed life into the void and showed yourself as the one who loves in freedom.

From the nothingness of slavery, you called a people into being, and led them to springs of life. The presence of your glory went with shattered exiles into strange and distant lands, and gathered from the valley of despair the flesh and blood of living hope.

In Jesus Christ, you confronted the powers that killed and oppressed. You spoke to those considered dead and helped them live again. He taught us to die, so that we might live.

He gave himself for us, tortured and forsaken, but he could not be confined by death. In the garden he speaks our name. In the breaking of the bread he shows himself among us. By the lakeside, in this new day, he calls us to take up his work.

Therefore, with all who lost faith, all who walked away in sadness. With the women at the tomb, and all those who hid in fear, we confess ourselves surprised by the suddenness of dawn, and join in the undying song of heaven:

(tune: 155VU)

Holy God of Power and Might! Hallelujah!

Heav'n and earth shine with your light! Hallelujah!

Loud Hosannas now we sing! Hallelujah!

Blessings to our Risen King! Hallelujah!

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to those who sat with him, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying: "Take, drink. This is my blood, poured out for you, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

On the day you raised him from the dead, Jesus was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and even today he comes to meet us as we share this meal together. And so, with joy we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Dying, Christ destroyed our death! Hallelujah!
Rising, Christ restores our life! Hallelujah!
We believe and we proclaim! Hallelujah!
Jesus Christ will come again! Hallelujah!**

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit, upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ and one with each other, united by your resurrection power. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

**'Amen, Amen,' hear our prayer! Hallelujah!
As the bread and cup we share! Hallelujah!
At this table, Christ we meet, Hallelujah!
Present here on wounded feet, Hallelujah!**

The Lord's Prayer: (#959VU)

**Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen.**

As we share this bread and this cup together,
May we become what we receive.

The Bread and the Cup are Shared

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**Risen Christ,
You have met us this day in the breaking of the bread.
Send us forth from this place, with our hearts on fire.
May we proclaim the promise of new hope and new life.
And may we always remember your truth:
your shakeable faith in the world you love. Amen.**

***HYMN:**

Go to the World

#420VU

SINE NOMINE

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE: (unison)

Holy God, Dreamer of dreams,

**We offer Cochrane Street United Church and
Cowan Heights 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.**

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

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

**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

MEMORIALS

*In Loving Memory of my Family,
From Betty Barnes*

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you wish to add an announcement, please have it into the office by Thursday at noon.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

APR 23:	Rev. Oliver Dingwell Cowan Heights to join CSUC COMMUNION & ACM	MAY 21:	CSUC – David Peters
APR 30:	CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursej	MAY 28:	CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursej <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>
MAY 7:	CSUC – Charlotte & Stephen Jewczyk	JUN 10	Annual Summer Plant Sale 10am – 2pm 81 Cochrane Street Patio
MAY 14:	CSUC – Bert Riggs <i>Mother's Day</i>		

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Worship service will be held in the community hall: We are continuing to have furnace problems, so the sanctuary continues to be cold. Until all repairs have been completed, we encourage using the Bannerman Entrance door. Bannerman parking lot and the path from Stewart Ave Entrance to the Bannerman parking lot have been well cleared. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (ACM): The CSUC ACM will be held in person on Sunday April 23, 2023, after the Sunday worship service and fellowship time in the community space.

BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH: For the month of April, we are suggesting Canned Pasta. Of course all donations of any kind are very much appreciated.

COFFEE TIME HOSTS: We are looking for people to volunteer as hosts for Coffee Time after church. Just tea and coffee is fine – no need to provide juice or snacks. We have volunteers for April. If you are willing to help host, please contact the office (722-3023). Don't know what to do? No problem. We can help you out by pairing you with someone who has done it before or just giving you an orientation. Your help is very much appreciated! If you are unable to participate, monetary donations are welcomed.

VOLUNTEER REQUEST: Council has started the updating of the Historical Roll for CSUC. This project is a requirement for all pastoral charges. Linda Bowden, CSUC's archivist, is providing invaluable information and leadership for the project. Volunteers are reviewing the lists of persons on the Roll and contributing valuable additional information to Council. Anyone interested in assisting with the project should contact Brian Johnston who is the lead for Council with this project, through the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

THE LITURGY TEAM is putting together the worship for this year's Regional Meeting. If you are a musician or know of someone (music minister or choir) in your congregation, that might like to contribute to our worship please email Gneid at: hope_runs_freely@hotmail.com. If you aren't musically inclined, but would like to read scripture or pray, you can also email Gneid.