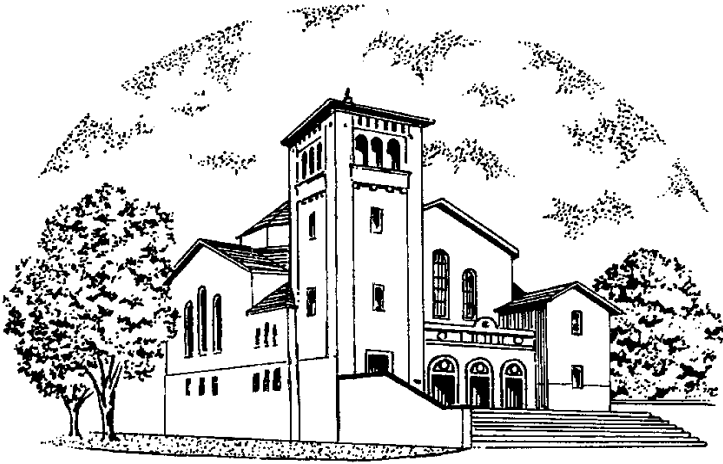


Cochrane Street United Church

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February 5th, 2023

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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 FEBRUARY

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

OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Thursdays 11:30 am – 4:00 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.
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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: Improvisation on Jesus Loves Me

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.

INTROIT VU# 367: Come Down, O Love Divine (vs. 1)

1 Come down, O love divine,
seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing.
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

*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# 295: The Earth and All Who Breathe (vs. 3)

3 Creation now awaits humanity's rebirth
at last to claim one common aim:
to nurture life on earth.
Awake, all humankind, the challenge now embrace;
apply your strength, your voice, your means,
as stewards of God's grace.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We are called to bring a new understanding of God:
that God so loves His world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God:
that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow
the commandments and the law.

That law calls us to love and serve God and to love one another.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth,
the light of the world.

**Come, let us love one another
as we join together in worship.
guided by the Holy Spirit.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

**Light of all creation, as you shone in the life of Jesus,
whose epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us.
May we become beacons of truth and compassion,
enlightening your world with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen.**

***HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You # 232 VU**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Compassionate God, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the
world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sins
and pride often hide the brightness of your light. We are
insensitive to the needs around us; we ignore cries for justice; we
do not always strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our
sin, and pour out the gifts of your Holy Spirit upon us. Forgiven
and renewed, may we live a life of discipleship, following the
example of your son Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The
God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured
that God is with us here and now, accepting us, guiding us, and
forgiving us.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen

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 #389: God Is Here vs. 4

**4 God of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**We bring our gifts to you, O God.
Here is the work of our hands, the fruits of our labors, and the love of our hearts. Accept them and use them in your service. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

**Holy God,
prepare our souls to hear your Word. Silence in us any voices but yours. In hearing, may your voice implant your Word into our hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6: 3 - 8

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 119 (Part 3, Refrain 3, pg. 839 VU)**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5: 13 - 20

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: The Road Home, by Stephen Paulus

SERMON: "What Does God Require of Me"

Reflective Music: Steal Away

**GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

***HYMN:**

Just as I Am

508 VU

The Invitation:

In the name of the One who said,
"I am the bread of life,"
I invite you to come and eat.
In the name of the One who said,
"I am the true vine,"
I invite you to come and drink.
In the name of the One who said,
"Love one another as I have loved you,"
I invite you to the table of Jesus Christ.
This is the table of the risen Christ

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 God thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

It is indeed right that we should praise you
Gracious God, for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image:
male and female you created us.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.
Therefore, with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give you thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of the People

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim Jesus' death and resurrection. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be our communion in the body of Christ. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Forgive us our sins, Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: *The Breaking of the Bread and the Filling of the Cup*

Prayer Before Communion

Gracious God, by the death of your child you have destroyed the power of death, and by raising him to life you have given us life for evermore. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who come to this table may be one body, one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Post-Communion Prayer

For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you, God. Grant that what we have done and what we have been given here may so leave its mark upon us that it may remain in our hearts forever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN: I Am the Light of the World # 87 VU**

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

Let us go in peace to love and care for one another in the name of Christ Jesus. Let us remember that life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, quick to forgive and always be kind.

SUNG BENEDICTION VU 424: May the God of Hope (vs. 1)

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

POSTLUDE: Recessional, *by W Matthias*

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

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Sonia Reynolds, From Glenn & Janice Worthman

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FEB 05: CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson
FEB 12: CSUC – Bert Riggs
FEB 19: CSUC – Bert Riggs
FEB 26: CSUC – Rev. Karen Burse
Friday, MAR 3: World Day of Prayer Service
First United to join CSUC – Rev. Karen Burse

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.

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

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>

LOST AND FOUND: Several gloves, hats, and glasses have been found in the sanctuary. If you think an item may be yours, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or drop by Sunday morning.

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.

BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH: For each month of 2023, Bridges To Hope will be suggesting a much needed food item for members of our partner congregations to consider for donation. The 'item of the month' is meant to assist anyone who wishes to help us fill our food hampers and is wondering what items are most needed. These items are staples and will go a long way to ensuring that hampers can be filled. **For the month of February, we are suggesting canned beans.** Of course all donations of any kind are very much appreciated. Thank you for your support!

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING is scheduled for **April 23, 2023**, after the Worship Service. Deadline for all reports of church groups and committees to be included in the annual report is February 24, 2023. Please submit your reports including financial reports to Harold Grandy preferably in an electronic format via email hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca.

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 a volunteer for February. 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!

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.

Regional Council Annual Meeting: The Closing Motion of the 4th Annual Meeting of the region on May 15, 2022, named that the 5th Annual Meeting of the Regional Council be held **virtually**, using zoom video conferencing, on **May 12-14, 2023**. The Celebration of Ministries Service will be held on **May 14, 2023**, at a location to be determined. Additionally, the President, Rev. Nancy Mojica-Fisher, announced that the theme for the meeting will be "*Created in God's Image*", based on Psalm 139. More details will be made available for the 5th Annual Meeting on the Regional website, including registration information, and details regarding webinars, workshops, retiree and anniversary celebrations, business, and worship. Watch for updates and information at <https://ucceast.ca/first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-16/first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council-annual-meeting-2023>. Please know that we continue to hold you all in our prayers as we continue the work of this United Church of ours.

United in Learning – Good Courage Lenten Study: Starting Tuesday, February 28, 2023, join the Rev. Stephen Fetter for a six-week Lenten study series exploring devotional readings from [Good Courage: Daily Reflections on Hope](#), the newest Lenten devotional from United Church Publishing House. Ponder the kind of courage that God calls out of ordinary people, contemplate their stories, reflect on how they connect, to your own and reimagine how our lives can contribute to God's healing of the world. Register for the Lenten study and you'll also receive 20% off your book purchase. [Sign up today!](#)

The United Church Bookstore: Year Book Subscription: The United Church of Canada's [Annual Year Book](#) is now available to order from the United Church Bookstore as one volume with a new, easier-to-read format. [Subscribe](#) to receive the current year's volume with renewal as it is published annually in February for the following five years. You don't need to worry about remembering to place your order; we'll remind you ahead of the annual renewal and place your order for you!

ReVITALize 2023: A special learning event for lay people and people serving in ministry, will be held on June 7-9, 2023, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. All are invited and welcome! For more information, visit:

<https://www.revitalizeconference.ca/>

February is Black History Month: The celebration of February as Black History (or African Heritage) Month begins this week. Officially recognized in Canada since 1996, this is a time to honour the contributions and struggles of peoples of African descent. Check out all the latest [worship resources](#), [anti-racism webinars](#), [books](#), and [newsletters](#) available. Be sure to also read our [Black History Month worship blogs](#) when you scroll down on the worship page.

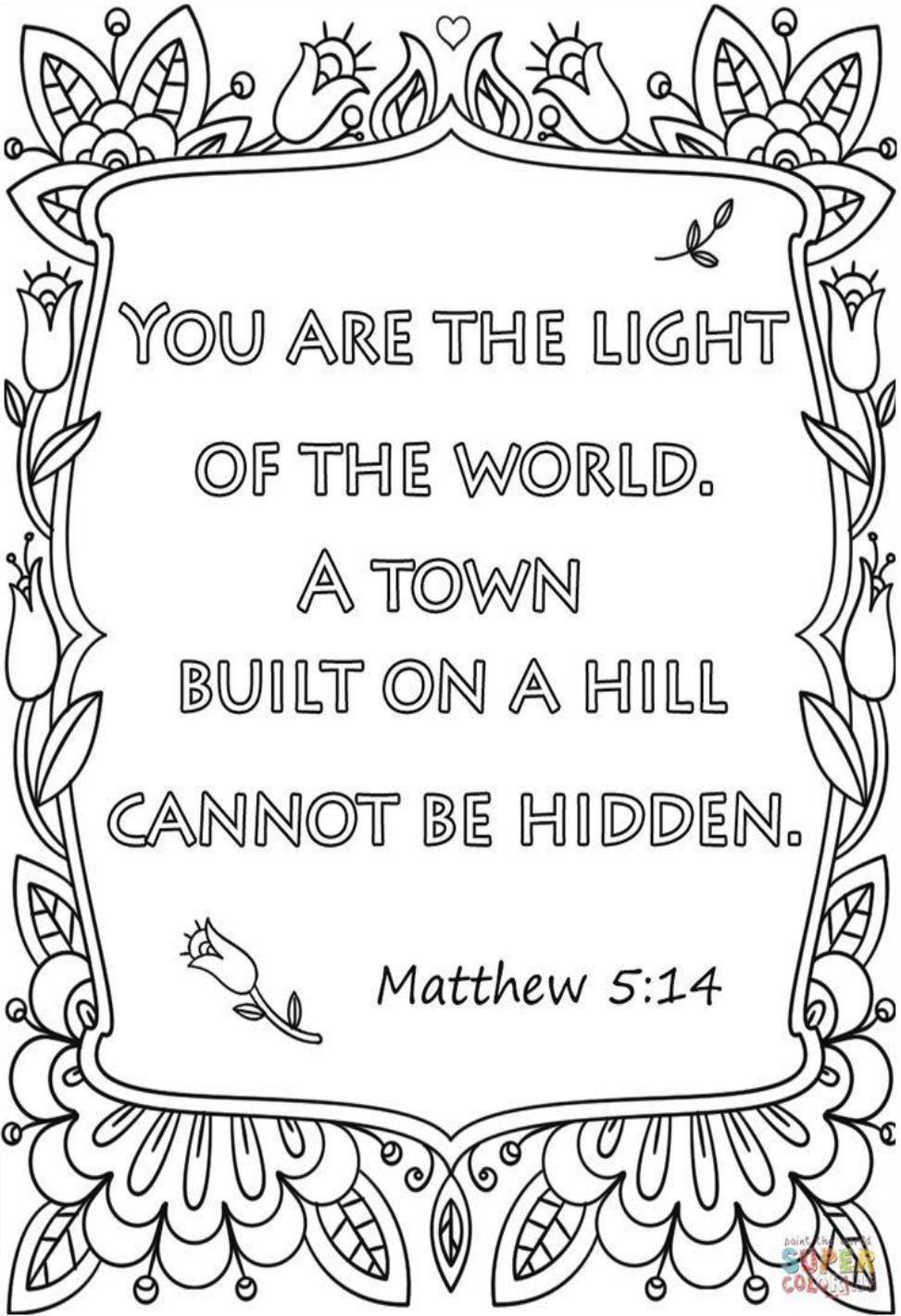
Feb 4 at 7pm “Love Songs for Valentine” by Chris Andrews and Friends:

A Benefit Concert Celebrating George Street United Church’s 150th Anniversary at 7 p.m. on Feb 4th at George Street United Church. Music Performances from Chris Andrews, Mark Hiscock, Brad Tulk, Bud Davidge, Bob MacDonald, Jackie Sullivan and More! QR code to order tickets online is available at [Love Songs For Valentine Concert Feb. 4 \[youtu.be\]](#) or call the church office at 709-726-8775. Space is limited, so get your tickets before they run out!

Easter Seals NL is searching for our 2023 Ambassador: The Easter Seals Ambassador is a young person with a disability between the ages of 8 and 18 years old who, for a one-year term, becomes the face and voice of Easter Seals NL and people with disabilities throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. They are passionate about the community, have been involved with Easter Seals NL, and are planning to pursue post-secondary education. **Applications are due Friday, February 10, 2023.** If you have any questions about the Ambassadorship, please contact our Fund Development and Communications Manager, Samantha Parrell, by email at samantha@eastersealsnl.ca.

Masterworks 3: Les Femmes – A Night of Great Women in Music:

The Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra presents an evening celebrating the contribution of women to classical music with Masterworks 3: Les femmes. The concert features guest conductor Mélanie Léonard, and pianist Isabelle David. Music selections for the evening are all by women composers and includes: *Overture in C* by Fanny Mendelssohn; *Piano Concerto Op. 7 in A minor* by Clara Schumann; and *Symphony No. 3* by Louise Farrenc. Masterworks 3 takes place at 8pm on **Friday, February 10**, at the Arts & Culture Centre St. John’s, and is presented by the Delta by Marriott Hotel and Conference Centre. Tickets are available at the ACC Box Office (709-729-3900), online at www.artsandculturecentre.com, and at the door.



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OF THE WORLD.
A TOWN
BUILT ON A HILL
CANNOT BE HIDDEN.



Matthew 5:14

