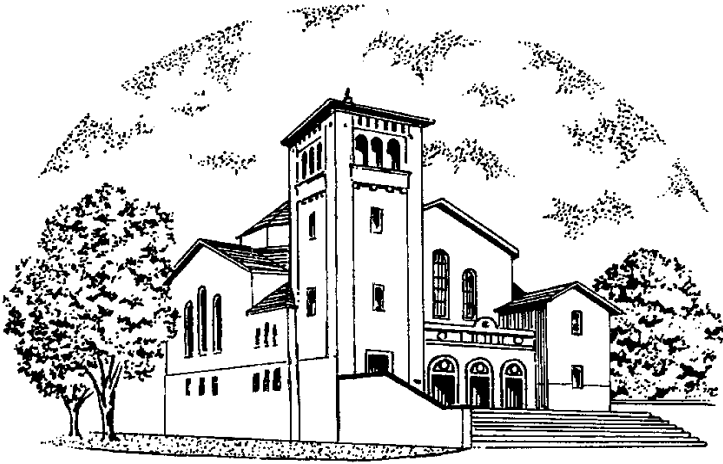


Cochrane Street United Church

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



January 15th, 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 JANUARY

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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709-754-2532 or info@cochranecentre.ca

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

Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.

* INTROIT VU #232: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You (vs. 1)

1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

* LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE & PASSING OF THE PEACE:

God-who-lights-up-life, give us joyful, generous, and courageous hearts.

As we lean on your love may your joy well up in us so that our joy may overflow and flourish, witnessing to a life of constant gratitude, full of grace, cathartic hilarity, and goodness.

The light of Christ is with us

Here. Now. In this place.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

*** REFLECTIVE MUSIC VU #570: Jesus Hands Were Kind Hands**

- 1 Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.
- 2 Take my hands, O Jesus, let them work for you,
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather together in worship and praise.

Praise to you, God!

Praise to you for this morning.

Praise to you, God!

Praise to you for the great commission: to make disciples, to baptize, to teach.

Praise to you, God!

Praise to you for always lighting our way.

Praise to you, God!

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Generous and loving God, who provides water in the desert, wine at a wedding, fish when there are no bites, bread when we are hungry, and answers when we are confused, be with us this morning, as you are always. Blow through us, that we might sense your presence. Wrestle with us, that we might discern your path. Love us that we might become who you call us to be. Amen.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we do not know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who have wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment required of us by that faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER: Arthur James Carman Paine (1886-1965)

*** HYMN: Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples # 507 VU**

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 MV 191: What Can I Do?**

What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

God of Wonder, accept these gifts, which are of our labours and from our hearts.

We ask that you use them to shine your light of love over the world, like the light that shone, marking the place where Jesus was born, which is the greatest gift of all. Amen.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we listen to and contemplate your word today, reach into our hearts and plant your love in us. Reach into our experience and find the unexplored places that need healing and understanding. Reach into our faith with your gospel and shape us with your word of life. Prepare us to serve you with confidence, imitating Christ as we live as your people, your prayer, and your presence. Amen.

READING FROM THE PROPHET: Isaiah 49: 1-7

*** RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 40 (pg. 764 VU)**

GOSPEL READING: St. John 1: 29-42

ANTHEM:

SERMON: What is a Disciple?

Reflective Music

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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: Jesus, You Have Come To The Lakeshore # 563 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 AND BLESSING:

Go now in the peace of God, remembering to let Jesus be your
constant companion and the Holy Spirit be your guide.

* **SUNG BLESSING VU #567: Will You Come and Follow Me (vs. 1)**

1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

POSTLUDE

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

Our Thoughts & Prayers To

Family and Friends of Marie Butt

Laura Baker as she recovers from a fall

Joyce Grimes as she goes through further treatment

Rev. Ian March-MacCuish who just had an operation and is recovering nicely. We wish him, Laura & Joyce a speedy recovery.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JAN 15:	CSUC – Bert Riggs	FEB 12:	CSUC – Bert Riggs
JAN 22:	CSUC – David Peters	FEB 19:	CSUC – Bert Riggs
JAN 29:	CSUC – Bert Riggs	FEB 26:	CSUC – Rev. Karen Burse
FEB 05:	CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson		

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you wish to have an announcement included in the bulletin, 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 cover pastoral emergencies and funerals. He can be reached by email at odingwell@cowanheightsunited.ca or at (709) 640-4632. **PLEASE BE ADVISED** that Rev. Oliver will be on vacation from Monday, January 16, to Monday, January 30, returning to the office on Tuesday, January 31. While he is away, the Rev. Rebecca Pike will be covering all pastoral emergencies. You can reach her by phone at (709) 753-7286 or by email at Rebecca.pike@nl.rogers.com.

THANK YOU! Thank you to Paula & Tim Reynolds, Charlotte & Stephen Jewczyk, and Robyn McMaster who cheerfully volunteered their time and energy to put away the beautiful Christmas decorations.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REPORTS: This is an early notice that the Annual Congregational Meeting is tentatively scheduled for March or early April. All church groups and organizations should begin to prepare their annual reports for submission by the third week of February.

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. 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!

2023 CHURCH CALENDARS Only 2 left! They can be picked up at the church office, available at a cost of \$6.00. To place an order, **please contact the Church Office** at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

BRIDGES TO HOPE: It's a new year, and the demand for food assistance continues! For 2023, Bridges To Hope will suggest a specific food item to be contributed by members of supporting churches on **the first Sunday of each month**. Of course, this and other non-perishable food items, can be given any other Sunday as well. These items are staples in the food hampers distributed and will go a long way to ensuring that hampers can be filled. **For the month of January, we are suggesting canned meat / fish.** Thank you for your support!

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.

Grief Support Group: Eastern Health's Pastoral Care, Ethics & Bereavement Services Department invites people grieving the loss of a loved one to join an 8-week "Living with Grief Support Program." The first in-person timeslot meets on Monday nights from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. beginning January 23, 2023. The second in-person timeslot meets on Thursday afternoons from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. beginning on January 26, 2023. The virtual group meets by Zoom on Thursday afternoons from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. beginning January 26, 2023. For more information or to register, call 777-6959, or email us at griefandbereavement@easternhealth.ca.

Continued Training for Liaisons: There are times as a liaison you might be asked to help a Pastoral Charge with navigating the ChurchHub. Pastoral Relations is pleased to offer training in the ChurchHub with Deb Kigar on January 20, 2023 at 11am. More information and links to the zoom call will be sent out next week.

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of my Dad, Clyde Budden, who was a wonderful mentor, father, musician and human being who left us 45 years ago today. Forever missed. Cheryl Briggs and family.

*In Loving Memory of Sonia Reynolds, From
June Knight
Charlie Pope
The McMaster Family*