

Cochrane Street United Church

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January 29, 2023 The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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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

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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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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*THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN IS DEDICATED:
In Loving Memory of my dear husband, Sig Lenser, from Ruth*

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: Psalm 100, by *Bedard*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.

INTROIT VU # 701: What Does the Lord Require of You?

1. What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
2. Jus-tice, kind-ness, walk humbly with your God.
3. To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.

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***LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE & PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

We light this candle as a symbol
of the light of Christ, which cannot
be held back by distance,
which shines in each one of us,
no matter where we are.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC VU # 101: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (vs. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Today, the words of God come to us, in love,
inviting us to not be afraid, but to place our faith in God.

Today, the word of God comes to us, in faith,
**inviting us to trust in the One who knows us,
to place our hope in the One who saves us.**

Today, the Word of God comes to us, in hope,
inviting us to be gracious in our love and in our service to others.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

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

***HYMN: God of Grace and God of Glory # 686 VU**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present,
and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to
recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame
clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings.
Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak
from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness,
and we degrade our own wisdom. We pray to You for forgiveness
for these and all our faults that we may better love and serve You.
Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

**Christ died for our sins. He made a full atonement for us. We are
forgiven and we have the promise of eternal life. Feel that
forgiveness in your heart. We are His children.
Thanks be to God. Amen**

LEARNING TOGETHER: January

***HYMN: Be Thou My Vision # 642 VU**

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY

***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

You are an abundant God and out of your great mercy You have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it we worship you and give our whole selves to you. Please now take it and use it for your kingdom and your glory. Amen

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy God, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1 - 8

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSIVE PSALM:**

Psalm 15 (pg. 736 VU)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1 - 12

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *When the Stars Fall, by Stephen Hatfield*

SERMON: The Sermon on the Mount

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:

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

684 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 BENEDICTION

***SUNG BENEDICTION VU # 514: God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian vs. 1**

God the Spirit, guide and guardian,
wind-spiced flame and hovering dove,
breath of life and voice of prophets,
sign of blessing, power of love:
give to those who lead your people
fresh anointing of your grace,
send them forth as bold apostles
to your Church in every place.

POSTLUDE My Love is Like a Red Red Rose

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

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.

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 is CSUC's oversight minister. PLEASE BE ADVISED that Rev. Oliver is 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.

BRIDGES TO HOPE: 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!

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. 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.

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.

Remembering Victims of the Holocaust: January 27 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The Jewish Community Havura and Beth El Synagogue will remember the survivors and victims of the holocaust with a special observance incorporated into the Friday evening Shabbat service. The service will begin at 6:15 pm sharp and be followed by light refreshments in the Community Hall. Please RSVP to swolin@mun.ca if you would like to attend.

Parking will be on Darling Street, to the east of the synagogue. Those who have valid Disability Parking Permits may park in the driveway. Reflecting Jewish practice, men will be expected to cover their heads with a kippa or yarmulke, available in the synagogue lobby. Women may choose to do so as well.

Nb: This is separate from the Holocaust Memorial Service planned for Sunday May 7th at 3:00 pm

Feb 4th, 2023 at 7 p.m. “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 \[youtu.be\]](https://youtu.be/love-songs-for-valentine) or call the church office at 709-726-8775. Space is limited, so get your tickets before they run out!

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.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Marie Butt, From Joan Soulier

In Memory of Willis Parsons, From Marion Parsons

In Memory of Sonia Reynolds, From Jean & Harold Woodbury