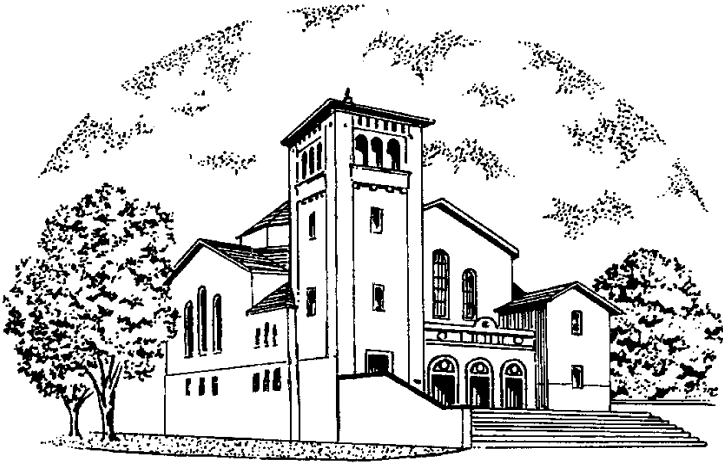


Cochrane Street United Church

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January 8th, 2023 Epiphany Sunday

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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 #79: Arise Your Light is Come (vs. 1)

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.**

* 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 #87: I Am the Light of the World (chorus)

REFRAIN: 'I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

**1 When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun: R**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP:**

All who thirst, come to the water
we need to drink deeply these living streams.

Come, all who are weary;
come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

**As the waters of the Jordan washed Jesus,
so the Holy Spirit washes over you and me.**

Our gracious God beckons and blesses us.
Let us give praise for new life in Christ.

*** PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Creator Spirit, moving over the waters, you renew our baptism. God of the flood, you save us from destruction. Holy Spirit, Jordan dove, you came upon Jesus, descend now upon us. Voice from heaven, call us by name. We are your beloved. Amen.

*** HYMN: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise # 101 VU**
TUNE: St. George's, Windsor VU #516
777D

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We have been challenged to bring
light, comfort and healing to the world.
Let us confess all that separates us from God.

God of the poor, we confess that we have followed after false gods. We have become easily discouraged and have failed to live up to our baptism.

We have trampled the bruised earth, leaving devastation in our wake. We have blown out the light of others' candles so they cannot see your righteousness.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

God made us; **we are creatures made in the image of the Divine.**
Christ has redeemed us; **we are a people forgiven and blessed.**
The Holy Spirit sustains us;

let us be open to the future with confidence and hope.
Be assured that whenever we confess in the name of Christ,
God is there to bless and guide you.

Thanks be to God

LEARNING TOGETHER:

OFFERING INVITATION & OFFERTORY 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.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

The wondrous works of God are more than we can number
God has blessed us far beyond our ability to name gifts.
In our baptism, God has called us to a life of witnessing.
Let us glorify God through deeds of light
and through words that bless and heal.

May our offerings reach out around the world in Christ's name.

*** OFFERTORY HYMN VU #81: As with Gladness, Men of Old (v. 3)**

**As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger crude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.**

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**Receive our gifts, O God. May they be used to show forth
to the world the greatness of your love. We ask this in the name
of Jesus the Christ, your perfect gift and our Saviour.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

**O 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 what you are saying to us today. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 42: 1-9
The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

*** RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 29, (pg. 756 VU)**

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 10: 34-43
The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3: 13-17
This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ – **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO: Suo Gan (Welsh Lullaby)

SERMON:

*** HYMN: Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized # 99 VU**

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: When Jesus Came to Be Baptized # 100 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 #82: A Light is Gleaming (chorus)
A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.

POSTLUDE:

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- JAN 08: CSUC – Rev. Karen Burse
- JAN 08: MAP Information Session immediately after worship service
Coffee Time in Community Space, after Information Session
- JAN 15: CSUC – Bert Riggs
- JAN 22: CSUC – David Peters
- JAN 29: 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.

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.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS – REMOVING & STORING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Council is seeking volunteers to assist putting away Christmas Decorations from the Sanctuary on Monday, **January 9, 2023, 10:00am**. Anyone who wishes to volunteer and help out is asked to be at the church at 10am. Many hands make light work.



2023 CHURCH CALENDARS are going fast - 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 info@cochranestreetuc.com or 722-3023.

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.greenca.ca/?page=start>

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.

A MOMENT IN TIME: One of our choir members, David Peters, donated a photograph to CSUC's archives of our choir back in 1962. This was taken only a month after resolution of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Sandra Rowe, another member of our choir, did up the list of names, provided below. However, there are three we do not know. Would you be able to help us? Please feel free to contact the church office at info@cochranestreetuc.com or 722-3023. See insert for the choir photo and names.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Sig Lenser, From Trang Garments

*In Loving Memory of Grace Oakley,
From the Stratton Family*

*In Memory of Sonia Reynolds, From
Harold & Betty Grandy*

Linda Facey

Patricia Young

Tim & Paula Reynolds