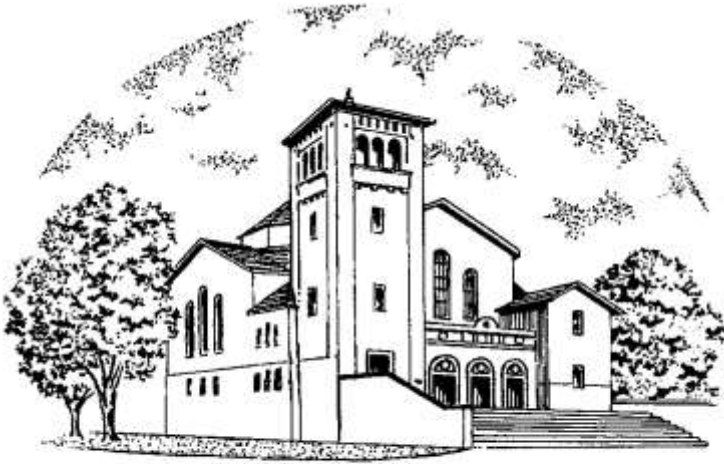


Cochrane Street United Church

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



July 9th, 2023 6th Sunday After Pentecost

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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 JULY 9

Keith Bowden, Harold Grandy,
Brian Johnston, Sandy Stavlo, Sandra Garland

OFFICE HOURS

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|----------|---------|---|---------|
| Tuesday | 9:00 am | – | 3:00 pm |
| Thursday | 9:00 am | – | 3:00 pm |
| Friday | 9:00 am | – | 3:30 pm |

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Website: www.cochranestreetuc.com

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709-754-2532 or info@cochranecentre.ca

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND FUNERALS

Rev. Peggy Johnson will cover all pastoral emergencies and funerals. She can be reached at (709) 685-9223

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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 #439: Now the day is Over (vs. 5)

5 When the morning wakens, then may I arise
pure, and fresh, and sinless in your holy eyes.

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,

Here, we are one.

Let our actions 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 MV #12: Come Touch Our Hearts (vs. 4)

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Let our hearts be lifted up together in worship and prayer.

People: **For we have been so richly blessed by God's gift of prayer.**

Leader: Through prayer, may we share everything about our lives with our Lord and Savior.

People: **Let us come before God with prayers of thanksgiving, praise and supplication.**

Leader: Whatever lies heavy upon our hearts, let us take it to the Lord in prayer.

People: **Then let us hold fast to our faith and not lift our voices in complaint.**

Leader: Instead, let us praise the wonders of God's mercy and grace!

All: **Blessed be the name of the Lord! Amen.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

O God, our Creator and Sustainer,
we are so blessed by your gift of prayer.

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
give us spiritual insight into our own needs and
to see the true needs in the world around us; and then,
grant us the wisdom to lift those needs to you in prayer,
committing ourselves to making a difference.

In Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN:

New Every Morning

405 VU

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Loving God, so often we have lived our lives as if we had no way of communicating with you; as if you had never given us the gift of prayer. Too often in our daily lives we have totally failed to seek your will and guidance. We have often made our decisions on our own, only to be upset with you later when things went wrong. Forgive us, Lord, when we have strayed and help us keep our hearts and our minds connected to you through prayer. In Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: No matter where we are, God is there. No matter what we have done, God forgives. No matter how reluctant we are to accept God, God accepts us. With that assurance, receive forgiveness and go forward in hope.

People: **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 #537: Your Work O God, Needs Many Hands**

- 1 Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.
- 2 Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.

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:

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine those holy pages, we pray, that our minds may be open to hear your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON:

James 5:13-16

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSIVE PSALM 63**

VU page 781, Refrain 2

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 11:25-30

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

SOLOIST:

SERMON: “*Faith, Forgiveness and Healing...Through Prayer*”

Reflective Music

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (VU #960)

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: What a Friend We Have in Jesus # 664 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

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 MV #209: Go Make a Difference (Refrain)**

Refrain: **Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world. X2**

POSTLUDE

2023 MEMORIAL SERVICES

The dates for this year's Memorial Services are as follows:

Monday, July 17 7:00PM General Protestant Cemetery (Topsail Road)
Monday, July 31 7:00PM Memorial Gardens Cemetery (25 Beaumont Hamel Way)

*PLEASE NOTE: In the event of inclement weather,
the services will move ahead to 7:00PM the next evening.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| JUL 9 | CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson | AUG 6 | No worship service at CSUC |
| JUL 16 | CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey | AUG 13 | CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey |
| TUE, JUL 18 | CSUC Council Meeting | AUG 20 | CSUC – Bert Riggs |
| JUL 23 | CSUC – Bert Riggs | AUG 27 | CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson |
| JUL 30 | TBD | | |

NO SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE! A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Thank you for helping create a safe environment in which we can all fully participate.

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

PASTORAL COVERAGE FOR CSUC: Rev. Peggy Johnson is covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals. She can be reached at (709) 685-9223 or by email at: peggyjoanjohnson@hotmail.com. If Rev. Peggy is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds at pt2reynolds@gmail.com.

Worship service will be held in the community hall: We are continuing to worship in the community hall until all repairs are completed. Please use the Bannerman Street door. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Next Meeting of Church Council is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023, via ZOOM. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Tim Reynolds, Council Chair, at pt2reynolds@gmail.com.

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 review the list of persons on the Roll and contribute valuable 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.

PRIDE PARADE 2023 starts on July 23 at 2pm with parade participants asked to be at City Hall by 1:30pm for organizing purposes. This is an opportunity for us to embody our faith and celebrate the diversity of God's wondrous creation. We would love to have you, your family, and your friends join the event. If you are interested in participating, St. James United Church has invited Gower St UC and Cochrane St UC to join them. Below is the route that will be taken:

- Heading northeast on New Gower St toward Duckworth St (80m)
- Slight right onto Duckworth St (1.28km)
- Turn left onto Cavendish Square (73m)
- Slight left onto Military Rd (382m)
- Turn right onto Bannerman Rd (114m) then left into the park

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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. These items are staples and will go a long way to ensuring that hampers can be filled. **For the month of July, we are suggesting dry pasta** (macaroni, spaghetti, rotini, etc.). Of course other non-perishable items are always welcome. Thank you for your support!

BRIDGES TO HOPE: We are in need of reusable bags. If you can help, please drop them off at church on Sunday or at the church office during the week (Tue & Thu 9am-3pm; Fri 9am-3:30pm).

Regional Council Office 2023 Summer Hours: If a required staff person is on vacation, please contact the office at 1-800-268-3781, ext. 6141, or/and another staff person will respond. Emergency number when office is closed is (709) 730-9415. Effective June 26 through to and including September 7, the summer hours for the office and bookstore staff will be:

8:30am - 4:00pm Monday to Thursday

8:30am - 12:00pm (noon) on Fridays

The bookstore will be open for in-person retail business at Elizabeth Avenue, however due to staff vacations, you are also encouraged to place bookstore orders by calling Leona (1-800-268-3781 ext. 6141, l laundry@united-church.ca), or shopping online at <https://ucceast.ca/shop>. For safety purposes, the door may be locked. Unless a **closed** notice is posted on the outside door, the office is open. Please ring the doorbell for service.