

# Cochrane Street United Church

81 Cochrane Street



St. John's, NL



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**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

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# Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

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Whether you are here for the first time or this is your church home – welcome to our community of faith.

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## USHERING TEAM FOR MARCH

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

## NEW OFFICE HOURS

**Office Hours:** Tuesdays      9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
                         Thursdays      9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
                         Fridays            9:00 am – 3:30 pm

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## 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 #317: I Bind Unto Myself Today (vs 1 & 4)**

1 I bind unto myself today  
the strong name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same,  
the three in one and one in three.

4 I bind unto myself today  
the power of God to hold and lead,  
his eye to watch, his might to stay,  
his ear to hearken to my need,  
the wisdom of my God to teach,  
his hand to guide, his shield to ward,  
the Word of God to give me speech,  
his heavenly host to be my guard.

### **\*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 #612: There Is a Balm in Gilead**

There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole.  
There is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

God has called us—we have responded.

**Some of us sing a joyful hallelujah,  
others give quiet thanks to God.**

Some of us seek God's ways in the activities of our lives,

**Others sense God's ways in contemplation and prayer.**

Whatever our choice, wherever we go, God is with us always.

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Beginner of all things, begin in us again: take these tired limbs and rouse them to dance your joy from sunbreak to sundown. Help us, O Blessed One, to shake off our weariness that we may know new life in you and offer it to one another. Amen**

**\*HYMN: Spirit of Gentleness # 375 VU**

**LENTEN SYMBOLS Lenten Symbols – Coins**

In Matthew 24:14-16, we read, "Then one of the twelve disciples - the one named Judas Iscariot - went to the chief priests and asked, 'What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?' They counted out thirty silver coins and gave them to him.

From then on Judas was looking for a good chance to hand Jesus over to them.

**We acknowledge that we, too, are tempted to forfeit our trust in God for material gain.**

On the other hand, we find ourselves more comfortable offering cash rather than our lives for God's service.

**Money has a special significance for us. Much good can be done if we use our wealth well, whereas it also can hinder us from glorifying our Lord.**

We place on the cross a bag containing thirty pieces of silver as a reminder of Jesus' betrayal.

*(A candle is extinguished and a bag of coins is hung from the cross)*

**PRAYER: God of the wilderness, be with us as we wander through the desert of our lives. Keep us from running back to the safety of**

**old assumptions, and walk with us as we learn to live the life abundant. Amen**

**\*HYMN: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (vs 1 & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday) # 121 VU**

Tree of Life and awesome mystery,	God of all our fear and sorrow,
in your death we are reborn,	God who lives beyond our death;
though you die in all of history,	hold us close through each tomorrow,
still you rise with every morn,	love as near as every breath,
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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**We are set free by your saving grace, Generous God, yet we must confess how we are still bound by our pride and arrogance. We seem unable to throw off the grave clothes of our habitual sin, finding them too comfortable to wear. We cling to our fears, for they are so familiar and make such good companions.**

**Yet, there in every corner of our lives, in every shadow we fear, into the cold embrace of death itself, you come, Steadfast Love. You break the bonds of sin and terror, giving us new strength and hope for the journey, and calling us to new life through the love and sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.**

*( Silence is kept )*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

You can put your hope in God, dear friends, for God offers us that love which never fades, that life which never ends.

**We wait for God, and God does not fail us.**

God's hope, God's love, and God's grace are forever.

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

**LEARNING TOGETHER**

**OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN VU # 149: When I Survey (vs 4)**

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small:  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**What we have, we freely share, loving God. Blessed by your**

love, may we be a blessing in your world. May what we offer, always be used in service of your grace, your peace, and your love. Amen

## **GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

In our struggle to hear your Word, O God, bless even our doubts, our wonderings, our wanderings, our soul-struggles, life's deep questions, and deeper mysteries. Teach us to love our questions as well as our answers. Amen

### **SCRIPTURE READING          Ezekiel 37: 1-14**

Reader: Stephen / Charlotte Jewczyk

The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

### **\*RESPONSIVE PSALM 130: VU # 853, Refrain 1**

### **GOSPEL READING:                  John 11: 1-45**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ – **Thanks be to God.**

### **\*HYMN:                          Why Has God Forsaken Me                          # 154 VU**

### **SERMON:**

**ANTHEM:**    Like as the Hart, *by Noel Hawsthorne*

## **GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (VU # 921)**

### **\*HYMN:                          I Danced in the Morning                          # 352 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**

May the blessing of God give us strength for the journey;  
may the Spirit of wisdom give us vision for the road;

may the love of Christ make us caring companions;  
as together we go forth in the Lenten time. Amen.

### **SUNG BENEDICTION VU #430: God Be in My Head**

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

### **\*POSTLUDE**

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

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- MAR 26: CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey  
APR 02: **Palm Sunday**  
CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey  
APR 07: **Good Friday Service**  
**\*Held at Cowan Heights United ( \*NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION\* )**  
**Hosted by CSUC**  
**All St. John's & Mt Pearl churches to join CSUC (12pm -3pm)**  
APR 09: **EASTER SUNDAY & COMMUNION**  
CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey  
APR 16: CSUC – Bert Riggs  
APR 23: Rev. Oliver Dingwell  
Cowan Heights to join CSUC  
**COMMUNION & ACM**  
APR 30: CSUC – Betty Barnes

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

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|----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>April 3</b> | Holy Monday 7:30 PM                           | George Street United Church |
| <b>April 4</b> | Holy Tuesday 7:30 PM                          | Gower Street United Church  |
| <b>April 5</b> | Holy Wednesday 7:30 PM                        | Wesley United Church        |
| <b>April 6</b> | Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM                       | Cowan Heights United Church |
| <b>April 7</b> | Good Friday 12 PM<br>(7 Words from the Cross) | Cowan Heights United Church |
| <b>April 8</b> | Easter Eve 7:30 PM                            | St. James United Church     |

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**Worship service will be held in the community hall:** We are continuing to have furnace problems, so the sanctuary continues to be cold. Until all repairs have been completed, we encourage using the Bannerman

Entrance door. Bannerman parking lot and the path from Stewart Ave Entrance to the Bannerman parking lot have been well cleared. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**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 March. 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! If you are unable to participate, monetary donations are welcomed.

**SEEKING 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS:** The Church Council is seeking members of the congregation to sit on the 2023 Church Council. This is necessary to ensure compliance with the United Church governance requirement and to provide the continued leadership of our church, particularly in the coming year which is a pivotal year for Cochrane Street. The Church Council generally meets monthly in the evenings. There will be a number of vacancies on Council in the coming year as a number of members who have served are stepping down. If you are interested in being part of the Church Council, please email the Council Chair, Stephen B. Jewczyk ([sjewczyk@gmail.com](mailto:sjewczyk@gmail.com); telephone 763-3213) or Brian Johnston at [kbjohnston@nl.rogers.com](mailto:kbjohnston@nl.rogers.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 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](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com).

**BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH:** For each month of 2023, Bridges To Hope is suggesting a food item for members of our partner congregations to consider for donation. These items are staples that will go a long way to ensuring that hampers can be filled. **For the month of March, we are suggesting 1 Litre of Juice.** Of course all donations of any kind are very much appreciated. Thank you for your support!



**WE ARE IN NEED OF**



**REUSABLE BAGS!**

Weekly **"Specials"** March 23-30, 2023 –  
Useful items for Bridges To Hope:

- Sobeys – Chef Boyardee Ravioli - \$0.88
- Dominion - Ocean's Light Tuna - \$0.99
- Lawtons - Kraft Dinner - \$0.97
- Walmart - Heinz Tomato Soup – 2/\$1.20
- Walmart - Campbell's Soup – \$0.97
- Walmart - Maxwell House Instant Coffee - \$2.97