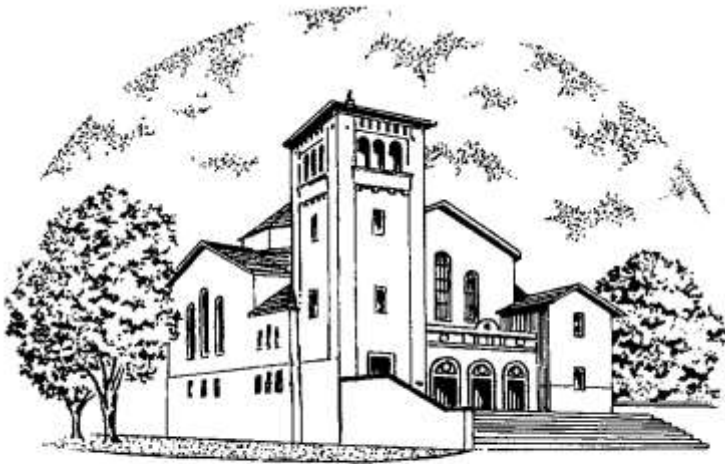


# Cochrane Street United Church

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



## May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Seventh Sunday after Easter

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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 187: The Spring Has Come vs. 1**

1 The spring has come, let all the church be part of it!  
The world has changed, and God is at the heart of it!  
New light, new day, new colour after winter grey.  
New light, new day, the spring has come, let all the church be part of it!

### **\*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 MV #122: This Is the Day**

This is the day that God has made;

we will rejoice and be glad! *Repeat*

Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!

We will rejoice and be glad! *Repeat*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Behold, God is doing a new thing.

**Here. Now.**

**In the midst of daily life.**

The Holy One who created heaven and earth  
forms us afresh today.

**Let our spirits rise to greet our Maker.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Mighty God,**

**to you belong the mysteries of the universe.**

**You transform shepherds into kings,  
the smallest seeds into magnificent trees,  
and hardened hearts into loving ones.**

**Bless us with your life-giving Spirit,  
re-create us in your image,  
and shape us to your purposes,  
through Jesus Christ. Amen**

**\*HYMN MV # 1: Let Us Build a House vs. 1 & 5**

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,

A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**God of all Mercy,**

**We come before you**

**Knowing we have not always lived up**

**to your call to care for others and the world.**

**Help us to love as Christ loved.**

**Knowing our own weakness,**

**may we stand with all who stumble.**

**Sharing in his suffering,**

**may we remember all who suffer.**

**Held in his love,  
may we embrace all whom the world denies.  
Rejoicing in his forgiveness,  
may we forgive all who sin against us.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts,  
God knows us better than we know ourselves,  
and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.  
By God's mercy, we are forgiven;  
by God's mercy, we are made whole;  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**LEARNING TOGETHER**

**\*HYMN: We Meet You, O Christ # 183 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**

**GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

Holy God,  
You are in everything.  
In our struggle to hear your Word,  
bless our doubts, our wonderings  
life's deep questions, and deeper mysteries.  
Teach us to love our questions  
as well as our answers. Amen

**SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:1 - 11**

Reader: Sandy Stavlo  
The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

**\*RESPONSIVE PSALM 47 VU # 771, Refrain # 1**

Reader: Sandy Stavlo

**SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:44 - 53**

Reader: Tim Reynolds  
The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:** Flight Song, *by Kim Andre Arneson*

**SERMON:**

*Reflective Music*

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

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

**\*HYMN: MV 154: Deep in our Hearts vs 1,3 & 4**

**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 MV 224: May the God of Peace**

May the God of peace and of all good,

May the God of peace and of all good be always with you. Amen!

May God's peace be with you. Amen!

**POSTLUDE:** Down By the Sally Garden

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

**MEMORIALS**

*For My Deceased Father, Vincent Jones,  
From Sheila D Traverse*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MAY 21:	CSUC – David Peters	JUN 10	Annual Summer Plant Sale
MAY 28:	CSUC – Rev. Karen Burse <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	JUN 11	10am – 2pm, 81 Cochrane St Patio
JUN 4	CSUC – Tim Reynolds Flower Service <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	JUN 18	CSUC – Karen Critch CSUC – Bert Riggs <i>Father's Day</i>

**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. 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](mailto:odingwell@cowanheightsunited.ca). If Rev. Oliver is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds [pt2reynolds@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** For Pentecost Sunday on May 28, Rev. Karen encourages congregation members to wear something red (scarf, tie, sweater, etc.).

**BROADVIEW MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS** are now up for renewal. If you would like to renew your subscription or receive a yearly subscription for the first time, please contact Paula Reynolds at (709) 325 2106 or see me in church on or before June 11, 2023. Yearly subscriptions are \$25.00. You can pay me in cash or by cheque. Please make cheque payable to "Broadview".

**OUR FLOWER SERVICE:** On Sunday, **June 4**, flowers will be dedicated in celebration of special events, for special people or in memory of loved ones. Forms have been sent to everyone on our mailing list to dedicate flowers. A few copies will be available in church. The form can also be found on our website at <https://www.cochranestreetuc.com/cochrane-street-news>. Please drop off your forms at the church office by Thursday, June 1st. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at 722-3023.

**BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH:** For the month of May, we are suggesting Pasta Sauce. All donations of any kind are appreciated. We are also 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).

**SPRING FLOWER SALE:** We are getting ready for our Spring Flower Sale which is tentatively scheduled for **June 10th**. As you begin to set up your garden for the summer, please keep in mind our need for plants for the sale. For affordable plant pots, try using 500 gram yogurt or margarine containers and poke holes in the bottom for drainage.

**COFFEE TIME HOSTS:** We are looking for people to volunteer as hosts for Coffee Time after church. **We need volunteers for May**. 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.

**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](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com).

**BRIDGES TO HOPE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** The Bridges to Hope AGM will take place on Monday, **June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. The meeting will be held at St. James United Church in the auditorium. All are welcome to attend.

**United Church Bookstore: e-Gift Cards Now Available!** Surprise your loved ones, friends, and even co-workers with the gift of choice! Our gift cards are delivered digitally and valid on any purchase with no time restrictions.

### **100TH ANNIVERSARY FOR MEN OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

In 1923, a men's ministries club was formed at Kerrisdale Methodist (later Ryerson United), Vancouver. That club adopted the name – AOTS - which was derived from what Jesus was quoted – saying to His Disciples in Luke 22 vs 27 – I am among you As One That Serves. That first club continued through the Union of churches known as United Church of Canada. In 1981, a club was formed at Trinity United in Newmarket, Ontario. With the decline in membership over the past 20 years, the continuation of AOTS lies with any remaining clubs.

We are calling out to any United Church Members who remember AOTS, or was a member of AOTS. On **June 4<sup>th</sup>** of this year, **our club will celebrate its 42<sup>nd</sup> year since it was chartered**. We will **also celebrate this centenary for AOTS** and **invite any from their local church in St. John's** to Victoria, to join with us as we thank God through His Son, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ for what AOTS has meant to thousands of His faithful men across Canada and Bermuda over one hundred years. We can be reached at [aots@trinityuc.ca](mailto:aots@trinityuc.ca). (website [aots.ca](http://aots.ca))

**Bridges To Hope – Sustainers Circle** This May, we are running a 'Make it Monthly' Campaign. Join our Sustainers Circle and help us turn hunger into hope for vulnerable children, families, and seniors in St. John's and the Metro Region. Committing to a monthly gift enables us to provide essential and healthy food to over 1,000 people in need each month. Your generosity makes a real difference; we couldn't do it without you!

Visit [www.bridgestohope.ca/sustainers-circle](http://www.bridgestohope.ca/sustainers-circle) to learn more and enroll. NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL! Stay tuned throughout May for inspiring impact stories.

**Bridges to Hope – Mental Health Matters:** We want to take a moment to remind you that mental health is just as important as physical health. It's time to break the stigma and talk openly about our mental well-being. Life's challenges can affect us all. Seeking help is a sign of strength, not weakness. Reach out to friends, family, or a mental health professional if you're struggling—you don't have to face it alone. Let's create a safe space to share our stories and experiences and support each other through life's difficulties.  
[#MentalHealthMatters](#) [#EndTheStigma](#) [#LetsTalk](#) [#YouAreNotAlone](#)  
[#MentalHealthAwareness](#)

**STELLA'S CIRCLE – RUN FOR WOMEN:** In honour of all moms and all women, please help us raise much-needed funds to support marginalized women in our community. The Run for Women, brought to you by the LOVE YOU by Shoppers Drug Mart program, benefits women's mental health programs at Stella's Circle. **See you at 115 The Boulevard on Sunday, May 28.** Register or learn more at <https://www.runforwomen.ca/Cities/StJohns.aspx>

**ALZHEIMER SOCIETY NL – OUR CONNECTIONS MATTER:** The Alzheimer Society is a charitable organization dedicated to supporting people living with dementia. We offer educational sessions through our First Link Program Learning Series, information kits, one-on-one support, and support groups within the province. Family support group is available every second Monday at 11AM on 835 Topsail Road, Mount Pearl, Unit 107. To learn more about dementia, please contact us at (709) 576-0608, [info@alzheimernl.ca](mailto:info@alzheimernl.ca) or check out our website at [www.alzheimer.ca/nl](http://www.alzheimer.ca/nl)

**CAFÉ OF MEMORIES:** Join Lodge Westmoorland in partnership with the Alzheimer Society as we host an afternoon of entertainment and refreshments for people living with dementia and their care partners. Freemasons' Hall, 155 Mount Carson Avenue, Mount Pearl, 2–4PM. To register, call 709-576-0608 or email [events@alzheimernl.ca](mailto:events@alzheimernl.ca). Event FREE of charge. Next date will be September 5, 2023.

**DISNEY DAZZLE:** St. John's Choir featuring St. John's Chamber Choir presents Disney Dazzle! Sunday, June 4, at 2:30pm at First Light Centre for Performance & Creativity. Tickets available at the door \$25; children under 10 free. Door open at 2PM