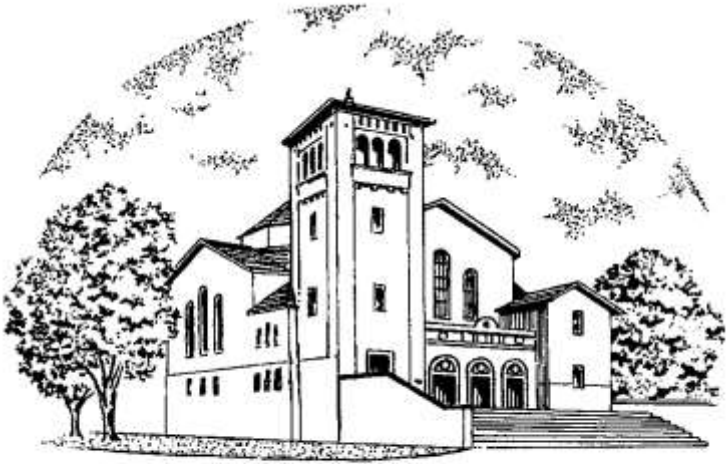


# Cochrane Street United Church

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



## May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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 MAY

Roger Crosbie, Jim Austin, Jeff Critch, Jim Oakley

## OFFICE HOURS

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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## 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

### INTROIT VU 161: Welcome Happy Morning vs. 2

2 Earth with joyful welcome clothes itself for spring;  
greeted with life reviving our returning king:  
flowers in every pasture, leaves on every bough,  
speak of sorrows ended; Jesus triumphs now!

*REFRAIN:* Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;  
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won 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 170: O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing vs. 1

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

1 O sons and daughters, let us sing!  
The King of heaven, the glorious King,  
o'er death and hell rose triumphing.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

May this be a day of hope,  
**of expectation,**  
**of relishing each moment as a gift from you.**  
May this be a day of freedom,  
**of breaking free,**  
**of loosening the chains that still surround us.**  
May this be a day of peace,  
**of wholeness,**  
**of knowing that our lives are in your hands.**  
May this be a day of joy,  
**of blessing,**  
**of living in your kingdom as a child of God.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Cochrane Street United Church family faces both challenges and opportunities.**  
**Help us in our worship today to welcome both with the assurance of your loving presence.**  
**Bless us as a community of caring, thoughtful people who strive to become closer to you through our worship and our living.**  
**Inspire us to embrace a future in which we travel a path of learning, innovation and partnership.**  
**Assure us of your guidance and your empowering presence in this journey.**  
**Be with us in all we do and guide us always, expressing our love for you and your church. Amen**

**\*HYMN:                      Morning Has Broken                      # 409 VU**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God,**  
**you made us in your image,**  
**with a mind to know you,**  
**a heart to love you,**  
**and a will to serve you.**  
**But our knowledge is imperfect,**  
**our love inconstant,**  
**our obedience incomplete.**  
**Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.**  
**In your tender love, forgive. 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 – ‘Saint Stephen’**

### **OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY:**

Because God always has a place for us, we come in thanksgiving.  
We celebrate the abundance of God's grace and welcome by sharing  
our gifts, so that others may experience that welcome too.

There are many ways you can offer your financial gifts. As you enter the  
hall 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 581: When We Are Living vs. 2**

2 Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

Guide us by your word and spirit – that in your light we may see  
light, in your truth find wisdom and in your will discover peace. Let  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding open our hearts and  
minds. Your word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.  
Amen

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Acts 7: 55–60**

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

### **\*RESPONSIVE PSALM:**

**Psalm 31: 1–5, 15–16**

**Page 758 VU, Part One & Three**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**1 Peter 2: 1–10**

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

**GOSPEL LESSON: John 14: 1–14**

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

**ANTHEM:** All things Bright and Beautiful, *by John Rutter*

**SERMON:**

**\*HYMN: What a Friend We Have in Jesus # 664 VU**

**GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE**

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

**\*HYMN: The Church’s One Foundation (vs 1, 3, 5) # 331 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 MV 212: Sent Out in Jesus Name**

Sent out in Jesus’ name, our hands are ready now to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes. The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain into a world of love, of justice and of peace. The task is ours to do, to set it really free. O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.

**POSTLUDE**

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

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|---------|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| MAY 7:  | CSUC – Charlotte & Stephen Jewczyk | MAY 28: | CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey |
| MAY 14: | CSUC – Bert Riggs                  |         | <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>  |
|         | <i>Mother’s Day</i>                | JUN 10  | Annual Summer Plant Sale |
| MAY 21: | CSUC – David Peters                |         | 10am – 2pm               |
|         |                                    |         | 81 Cochrane Street Patio |

**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.

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

**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 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).

**THE LITURGY TEAM** is putting together the worship for this year's Regional Meeting. If you are a musician or know of someone (music minister or choir) in your congregation, that might like to contribute to our worship please email Gneid at: [hope\\_runs\\_freely@hotmail.com](mailto:hope_runs_freely@hotmail.com). If you aren't musically inclined, but would like to read scripture or pray, you can also email Gneid.

**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!

Ready to join? 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 and more reasons to become a Sustainers Circle member! Follow our journey with the hashtags [#SustainersCircle](#) and [#BridgesToHope](#) [#neighboursfeedingneighbours](#)

### **FROM OUR PARTNERS AT GUIDE TO THE GOOD**

#### **Grow Local Go Digital – Looks Like Social Enterprise livestream series**

This livestream series features stories of brand-new and well-established social enterprises in Newfoundland and Labrador and shares how they are contributing to a strong, sustainable future for the province and all who live here. In the coming months, we'll be joined by Nicole Dawe of the Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador and guests from different Social Enterprises – all who are getting ready to grow with support from the Investment Readiness Fund. See our first launch on Facebook: [#communityfoundationX](#)

**TIM HORTONS SMILE COOKIE IS HERE!** For the first time, the iconic week-long Tim Hortons fundraiser is being held in the spring, May 1–7, 2023. Proceeds from the sales of cookies in the St. John's area will be supporting Rainbow Riders and Parkinson Society NL programs and services. Show your support by **purchasing a Smile Cookie for \$1.50 plus tax**, or one of our Smile Cookie personality pins at participating restaurants for \$2 plus tax. For further details, visit [www.timhortons.ca/smile-cookie](http://www.timhortons.ca/smile-cookie). To order on-line, download the [pre-order form on our website](#) and submit it to a restaurant near you at least 24 hours prior to pick-up.

**BEST OF BROADWAY!** The Perfect Gift for Mothers Day! **Saturday, May 20**, at St. John's Arts & Culture Centre - Second Show added & tickets are selling FAST! The one and ONLY **Evan Smith is the Musical Director** of 'The Best of Broadway'. Along with a cast of BRILLIANT performers, Evan will lead a band of some of the best musicians in St. John's to perform songs from Come From Away, Wicked, Hamilton, Mamma Mia and more! For tickets: <https://artsandculturecentre.com/stjohns/Online/default.asp>