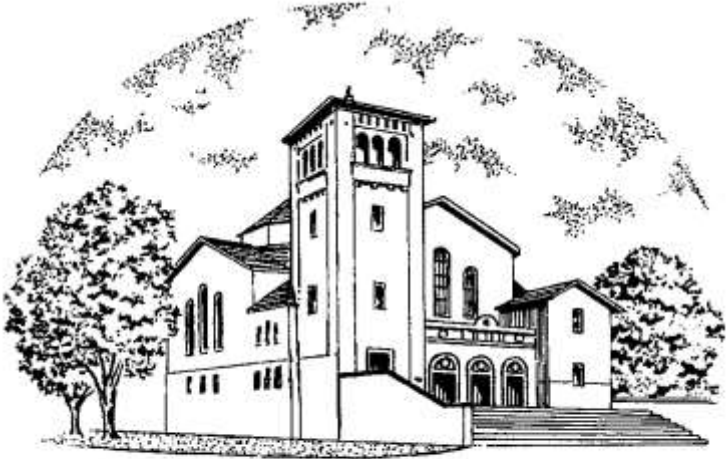


# Cochrane Street United Church

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



**April 28th, 2024**  
**5<sup>th</sup> 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 APRIL

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

## NEW OFFICE HOURS

**Office Hours:** Wednesdays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
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## PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND FUNERALS

Rev. Peggy Johnson will cover all pastoral emergencies and funerals.  
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# GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*please stand as you are able

\*\***bold** indicates 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 #579: "The Church Is Wherever God's People"**

The church is wherever God's people are praising,  
singing God's goodness for joy on this day.

The church is wherever disciples of Jesus  
remember his story and walk in his way.

The church is wherever God's people are helping,  
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.

The church is wherever God's people are sharing  
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

## **\*LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE & PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

**We gather to light this candle which is a symbol of the light of Christ in our lives. It shines in and on each one of us, no matter where we are. In doing so, we honour and celebrate that we are so loved and cared for and pray that God's blessings will be with us always.**

The Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

**\*REFLECTIVE MUSIC VU #226: “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

How wonderful it is when we are able to gather in this holy space with our brothers and sisters in Christ, learning together of the love that has no end. People of God, be part of this celebration; do not let it pass you by.

**Let us worship our God as one body and one voice.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**God of grace and mercy, from whom all good things come; be present with us today as a church family. We come before you in thanksgiving and praise, seeking your guidance as we face each new challenge in our lives. In this constantly changing world in which we live, help us to understand what you expect of us and assist us in fulfilling those expectations. Give us the peace of mind and the calmness of hearts and minds that we crave; give us hope in you, this morning, and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.**

**HYMN VU #187: “The Spring Has Come”**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Gracious and loving God, we confess that for too long we have sought the easy way out. We have desired the comforts of this world, loving the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to realize that all the things we yearn for are mere shadows, but that you are substance; they are shallow; you are solid; they shift with the wind; you are our anchor against all storms. We seek your forgiveness through your son, Jesus Christ. Accept his lack of sin for our many transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his death for our life. In Jesus’ name, we ask humbly that you forgive us. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon:**

Friends, be secure in the knowledge that God's love is forever, his pardon is assured, his grace is evident in each of our lives. Let us ask for and accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, Christ raises us to new life.

### **LEARNING TOGETHER: "A Man Named Philip"**

### **HYMN VU #454: "May God Who Creates You"**

### **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](mailto:csuctreasurer@gmail.com). You can sign up for PAR (Pre-Authourized Remittance) or use the donate button on our website.*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN VU #541: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**Loving God, make us generous as you have taught us to be. Make us compassionate as you would want us to be. Make us faithful so that we may be more like you. Bless these gifts and all the gifts we offer, that your kingdom may exist here on earth as it is in heaven! Amen.**

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

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

Creator God, help us to hear your holy word that we may truly understand; that, in understanding, we may believe and in believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**1 John 4: 7-21**

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

**\*RESPONSIVE PSALM 22 (VU, p. 746)**

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**John 15: 1–11**

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

**ANTHEM** : We are the Music Makers, *by Wright*

**MEDITATION**: “I am the True Vine”

*Reflective Music*

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD’S PRAYER (sung version: VU #960)**

**HYMN: VU #288: “Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

**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:**

May God, who is the fount of forgiveness, lavish his blessings upon you; may you feel the protection offered by the loving arms of his son, Jesus Christ; and may the Holy Spirit fill you with the wisdom and strength you need to face the week ahead. Amen.

**\*SUNG BENEDICTION VU #964: “Go Now in Peace” (sing twice)**

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

**POSTLUDE**

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

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, APRIL 28

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.

**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](mailto:peggyjoanjohnson@hotmail.com). If Rev. Peggy is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds at [pt2reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:pt2reynolds@gmail.com).

**BRIDGES TO HOPE ITEM OF THE MONTH:** For each month of 2024, Bridges To Hope will be suggesting a much needed food item for members of our partner congregations to consider for donation. **APRIL'S** suggested item is canned fruit. For May, it is Kraft Dinner. Of course, other non-perishable items are always welcome.

**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.

**ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH – AWAY FOR SCHOOL:** Rev. James will be away in Toronto from May 4 through to May 17. Rev. Rebecca will be covering pastoral emergencies while he is away.

**SJUC – RECORDED SERVICES:** Please access our website at [www.stjamesuc.org](http://www.stjamesuc.org), click on 'Digital Worship' and then click on 'Live' to view the most up to date worship or visit our Facebook page (St. James United Church) click 'Videos' in the left side menu.

**SJUC – Eventide Worship:** There is NO eventide Worship this Sunday, April 28th, but instead we have **Wild light Spiritual Oasis - Love and Lament Meditation**. On Sunday, April 28 at 3:00PM. Beginning at the church, we will take time to walk and connect with others about climate change. Participants will use an open ended question format developed by activist Joanna Macy as a way to name their feelings about our world. Please note, there will be no Tapestry Eventide service in the month of May. The next Tapestry service will be the second Sunday in June.

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**Atlantic String Quartet – In Concert:** The award-winning Atlantic String Quartet of the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra presents an evening of beautiful string music. The concert includes *String Quartet no. 3* by R. Murray Schafer, *Entr'acte* by Caroline Shaw and *String Quartet no. 14 in G major, K. 387* by Mozart. Recital 4 will take place at **8pm on Sunday April 28, 2024** at the Anglican Cathedral (16 Church Hill, St. John's). Tickets are available at [www.artsandculturecentre.com](http://www.artsandculturecentre.com) 709-729-3900 or at the door.

**BRIDGES TO HOPE FOOD DRIVE AT FIRST UNITED:** We are planning a food drive in the parking lot of First United Church on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 1 pm**. Please mark the date on your calendar. All donations are greatly appreciated! Help us feed the hungry!

**TIM HORTON'S SMILE COOKIE CAMPAIGN:** From **April 29-May 5**, Tim Hortons across St. John's and surrounding area will be selling Smile Cookies in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern NL and Salvation Army Ches Penney Centre of Hope.

**CHANGE TO WESLEY UNITED CHURCH FLIPPER DINNER:** The Fall Fair Committee Flipper Dinner on **Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** will **\*\*\*NOW BE AN EAT IN MEAL\*\*\*** although take-outs will still be available. Tickets are \$30 and should be paid for and picked up before or on Friday May 3 between 11 am and 1 pm. Eat in dinners will be served at 6:00 pm and take-outs should be picked up between 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm on May 9th. To order tickets call Marvin at 709-579-7900, Pheobe at 709-726-1689 or the church office at 709-579-3682.

**SHOPPERS RUN FOR WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH:** Donate, sign up, run or roll in support of women's mental health programs at Stella's Circle! Let's come together on May 26 at The Boulevard. To learn more, view this website, <https://www.runforwomen.ca/Cities/StJohns.aspx>.

DISTANCE: **Virtual:** 5K/10K Walk/Run & 1K Little Steps

**In-Person:** 5K Walk/Run, 10K Run

1K Little Steps presented by Culturelle Kids

**EASTER SEALS – RED SHIRT DAY:** Mark your calendar for the next Red Shirt Day, happening on Wednesday, May 29, during National AccessAbility Week (May 26 to June 1, 2024). Visit <https://easterseals.ca/en/redshirtday/> for information, resources, activities and more!