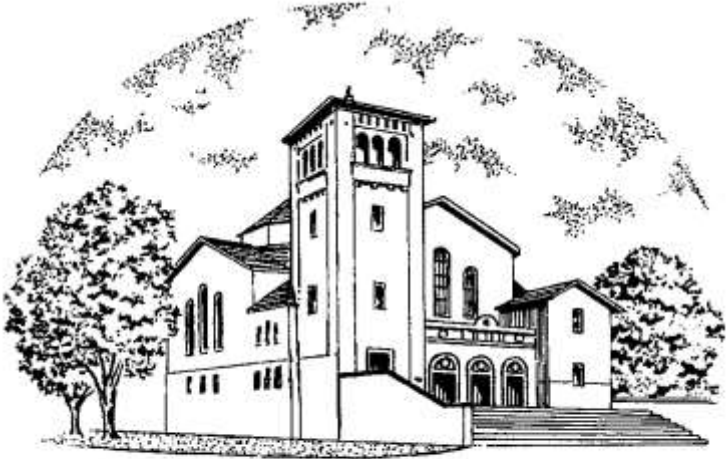


Cochrane Street United Church

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August 20th, 2023 12th 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 AUGUST 20

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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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: Gabriel's Oboe

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 light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which cannot be held back by distance, which shines in each one of us, no matter where we are.

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 #384: The Lone, Wild Bird (vs. 1)**

1 The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
is still with you, nor leaves your sight.
And I am yours! I rest in you,
Great Spirit, come, rest in me too.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (adapted from Psalm 133:1, 3b)

Behold how good and pleasant it is
when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity
for there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Let us worship the Lord in one body and one voice.

People of God, join the crowd; don't let the parade pass you by.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

God of grace and mercy, be present with us as a church family,
and as we gather for worship, walking new paths.

In the ever-changing and uncertain world where we find ourselves,
help us to know and be assured of your unending power, love,
and mercy.

We know you are a good God who holds us in our anxiety and
distress and celebrates with us in our joys.

Calm our hearts and minds and give us hope in you,
this morning, and always.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

***HYMN:**

We Are One

402 VU

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we have too much
longed for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts
more than the giver.

In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we yearn for
are mere shadows, but 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: The assurance of God's grace is
declared in the name of Jesus Christ. We accept God's forgiveness,
confident that in dying to sin, Christ raises us to new life.

LEARNING TOGETHER: "What is so Special about August 20?"

***HYMN:**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

271 VU

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 #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:

**Compassionate God, we thank you that you are our strength
and our song, you fill our hearts with joy. May we give our
offerings to you with gladness and joy.**

**Everything we have belongs to you and we rejoice to give
some of your abundant gifts back to you. Bless the offerings
we give today.**

**Let Your Majesty be the light that guides us, the compassion of
Your Son be the love that inspires us and the presence of
the Holy Spirit be the power that energizes us. This we ask
in Jesus' name! Amen.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45: 1-15

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM 133

VU page 856

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15: 10–28

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

SOLO:

SERMON:

Reflective Music

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (sung version: VU #960)

HYMN:

Great is Thy Faithfulness

288 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 (based on Matthew 14:22-33):

God calls us to step out in faith, to follow where He leads even if what He calls us to do seems impossible. So let's go from here with courage, trusting in God's presence and power, and eager to do God's will. And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and within you wherever you find yourself this week.

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: Great is thy Faithfulness *arr by Mark Hayes*

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AUG 20	CSUC – Bert Riggs	SEP 03	No worship service at CSUC
AUG 22	CSUC Council Meeting	SEP 10	CSUC – Rev. Karen Bursey
AUG 27	CSUC – Rev. Peggy Johnson	SEP 17	TBA
	COMMUNION	SEP 24	CSUC – Bert Riggs ORANGE T-SHIRT SUNDAY

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 back in the sanctuary: As the temperature in the sanctuary is much more pleasant, now, we will return to worship in this space.

PARKING ON SUNDAYS: If the Bannerman parking lot is full when you arrive, there is parking available at Stewart Avenue that's behind the College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CRNNL).

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.

BURRY HEIGHTS DAY: Save the date of Saturday, September 16, 2023, for Burry Heights Day. A time of fun, friendship and music. A time to experience the magic as you reminisce with old friends and meet new.

BAG TO SCHOOL 2023: We have the wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young students in our community through Bridges to Hope's Bag to School Program, which we have supported for over a decade. Due to the extreme demand and rising costs to provide essential school supplies and equip over 350 students for a successful academic year, they need to raise over \$25,000. Let's come together as a church family to empower these students and demonstrate the true spirit of compassion and care. You can donate directly at www.bridgestohope.ca.

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 **AUGUST** we are suggesting Kid's snacks (applesauce, granola bars, juice boxes, etc)_Of course other non-perishable items are always welcome. Thank you for your support!

Weekly "Flyer" Specials – Useful items for Bridges To Hope – August 17 - 23, 2023

Sobeys	Campbell's Soup - \$0.99
Dominion	Graves Juice – 1 L - \$0.99
Shoppers Drug Mart	Colgate Toothpaste/Toothbrush - \$0.88
No Frills -	Palmolive Liquid Dish Soap - \$1.25
Walmart -	Ben's Original Fast & Fancy Rice - \$0.97
	Allen's Juice or Drinks – 8 Pack - \$2.47
Colemans -	Jade Mandarin Oranges - \$0.99
	Jello Jelly Powders - \$0.88

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

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.

The Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre Inc wishes to advise our patrons, volunteers, and sponsors that the Centre will continue its programs and services in the St. John's downtown area from its current location in the lower level of George St United Church. If the Centre must relocate, it will do so in a suitable location in the downtown core. Any relocation will be as seamless as possible with little disruption to our Cenovus Breakfast, Friday Soup Kitchen, or the Seniors Inclusion Program. Further information can be obtained, please contact Krista Koerner, Board Chari via Email: kristakorner@hotmail.com.

