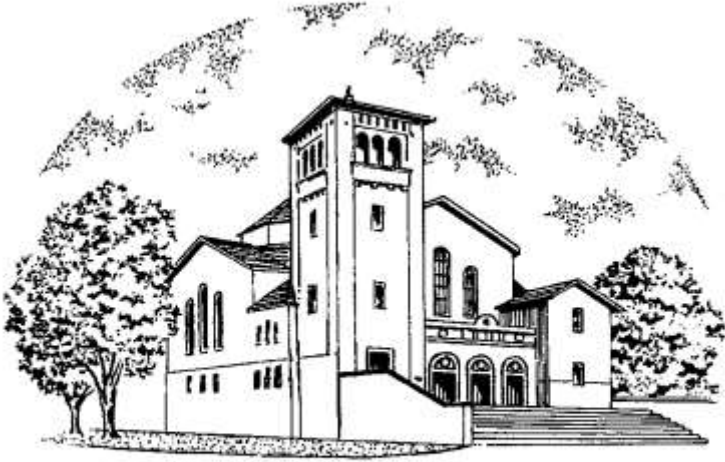


Cochrane Street United Church

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



October 22nd, 2023 21st Sunday after Pentecost PEACE SUNDAY

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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 OCTOBER

Roger Crosbie, Jim Austin, Jeff Critch, Jim Oakley

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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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:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.

INTROIT VU # 391: God, Reveal Your Presence (v. 1)

God, reveal your presence, as we now adore you
and with awe appear before you.

Here in this your temple: all within keep silence,
gather now with deepest reverence.

You alone God we own, you,
you, our God and Saviour: praise your name for ever.

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE & PASSING OF THE PEACE:

With loving hearts, we gather here in your presence. With
open hearts and open minds, we are thankful that we are all
children in the light of Jesus. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC VU # 4: God of All Places (vs. 3)

3 God of all people, dust and the clay;
breath of a new wind, fire in our hearts,
light born of heaven, peace on the earth:
come, Lord Jesus, come!

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generation

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

We praise and thank you, Creator God! Hear us, Your beloved children, as we come before you in worship. Jesus, our Redeemer, you have come to save the world, and to save us; you call us to follow you, you teach us truth; in our troubles, you offer us peace. Meet us, your beloved friends, as we come to hear your word. Amen.

HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling # 333 VU

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen. (Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good". Used with permission.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting; always remember that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER: Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

Reflective Music

OFFERING INVITATION & VOLUNTARY

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:

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

GOD’S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 33: 12 - 23
The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 99, VU # 819

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15 - 22
The Word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: Peace between nations, *by Christopher Wiggins*

MEDITATION: Rendering Unto Caesar

HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty # 220 VU

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & SUNG LORD’S PRAYER (VU #960)

HYMN: Take Time to Be Holy # 672 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:

We go out into the world: Our worship time is concluded and we go now to resume our daily lives. Our spirits are well nourished. Let us take up the challenge of loving radically, seeking justice courageously, and nurturing compassionately.

May the grace of God sustain us; may the example of Jesus be our guide; may the daring of the Holy Spirit encourage us, today, tomorrow, and for the rest of our lives.

SUNG BENEDICTION VU # 198: Come, O Spirit , Dwell Among Us (v. 1)

1 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,
 come with pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision,
 help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
 Jesus Christ, the cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
 that God's love shall be made known.

POSTLUDE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday,	OCTOBER 22	PEACE SUNDAY CSUC – Bert Riggs
Sunday,	OCTOBER 29	CSUC Invited to George St, 2PM <i>No CSUC worship service</i>
Sunday,	NOVEMBER 5	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY CSUC – Bert Riggs
Sunday,	NOVEMBER 12	CSUC – TBA
Sunday,	NOVEMBER 12	MAP Congregational Mtg after worship service
Sunday,	NOVEMBER 19	CSUC – TBA
Sunday,	NOVEMBER 26	CELEBRATION OF LIFE CANDLE SERVICE (7PM) CSUC – Paula & Tim Reynolds <i>Please Note there is no morning service</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you wish to have an announcement included in the bulletin, please have it into the office by Thursday at noon.

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.

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.

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

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. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Notice of Congregational Meeting – November 12, 2023: On November 12, 2023, there will be a congregational meeting immediately after the worship service to discuss and vote on the proposed MOU between Cochrane Street and St. James United Churches. The proposed MOU will be circulated to congregation members prior to the meeting.

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. For the month of **OCTOBER** we are suggesting canned milk. Of course other non-perishable items are always welcome!

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. Brian Johnston and Sandy Stavlo 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 Sandy Stavlo, who is the lead for Council with this project, through the church office at 722-3023 or info@cochranestreetuc.com.

THE GOWER SERVICE AND SOCIAL CLUB will be holding its next dinner meeting on Tuesday, October 24, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. The menu will be Jiggs Dinner with all the trimmings; the after-dinner speaker will be local sculptor-blacksmith Ian Gillies. If you plan to attend, please let Bert Riggs know by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, at briggs@mun.ca.

GEORGE STREET UC “CELEBRATION OF LIFE” CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE:

The congregation of George Street United Church are extending an invitation to anyone who would like to attend our closing worship service on Sunday, **October 29, 2023, at 2 p.m.** The service will be presided by the President of First Dawn Eastern Edge, Amanda Barnes. Various special guests and dignitaries will be in attendance. A reception will follow the service in our Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre. While it is with sadness that this service will be marking the disbandment of our congregation, it is the congregation’s hope to highlight and celebrate the legacy of George Street United Church’s ministry to our community over the past 150 years. For this historic service, we are looking forward to it being well attended by as many folks as possible from our Communities of Faith in the United Church.

GEORGE STREET UC “OPEN HOUSE”: For those who may or may not be able to attend the worship service, the congregation will also be having an “Open House” on **Saturday October 28, 2023**, from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** for folks to drop by and stroll through the church and sanctuary. Welcoming all to attend both events!

GOWER’S 3RD ANNUAL CONCERT AND DESSERT AUCTION is being held Sunday, **Oct 29th at 7:00pm** and features some great entertainment. The cost is just \$20 per ticket. Enjoy the entertainment and then have the opportunity to bid on a delicious dessert. Please share with friends, get a group together to attend, and take home a dessert to share!! Tickets are available through the church office which is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:00am until 4:00pm, (709) 753-7286 or at the door. The accepted payment options for tickets are cash, cheque or e-transfer.

ST. JAMES UC AOTS – FISH & FREWIS DINNER: Tickets are available from any member of the Men’s Club or Aubrey Hill, 709-726-8306. Come join us on Friday, **October 27, at 6:00pm.** Cost: \$25.

UCW FALL SALE - November 4, 2023: Our Fall sale is approaching at **St. James United Church!** Get your ticket beforehand or at the door. For an \$8 ticket, this will enable all hungry patrons to sit at a table in our Auditorium. From 9:45am - NOON enjoy refreshments. No need to bake for the Christmas season! We have all sorts of home-made baked goodies –tea rings, cookies, cakes, muffins, fruit loaves, fine sponges, tortes and more. We’ll also have two lovely baskets, try your luck!

ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH 65TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER CELEBRATIONS: You are invited to the party! It starts on Friday, **November 17** at 6:00pm for 6:30pm. Emcee is Gary & Lou of NL Now. Featuring Wayne Button and Friends AND Rachel Cousins. Tickets (\$45) can be purchased at the church office during office hours, by E-transfer at treasurer@stjamesuc.org or by Paypal. The deadline is November 10th. For additional information please contact the church office at info@stjamesuc.org