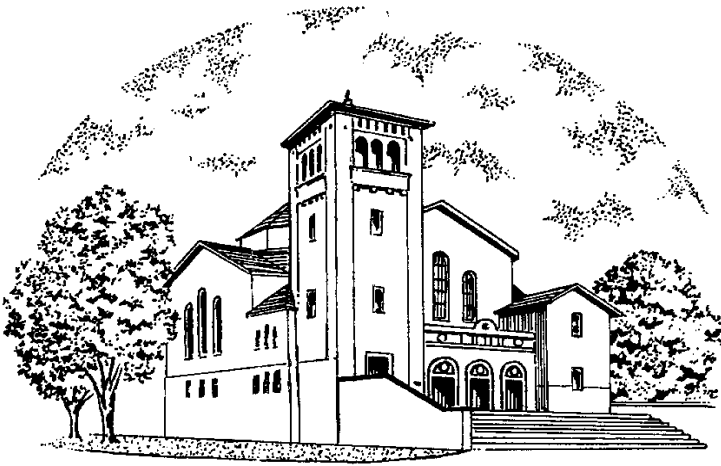


# Cochrane Street United Church

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



## June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Minister: Rev. Miriam Bowlby, B.A. (Hons) M.Div, MBA-SEE

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Eric Hillier

Minister of Music: Patricia Young

Director of Music: Evan Smith

Technical Operations: John Williams, Jackabon Media

(t) 709-722-3023      (f) 709-722-3260

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

[www.cochranestreetuc.com](http://www.cochranestreetuc.com)

# GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*please stand as you are able

## 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:

### \*INTROIT: MV #4: All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,  
come to the fountain.  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
in the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.  
We sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come. **(4X)**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see your congregational email for detailed announcements.*

## 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 #18: Lord Prepare Me

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy tried and true; with thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

In the parks, in the streets,  
in the busyness of daily living, we encounter Christ  
**and our lives are changed.**

At home, with family and friends, or on our own, we encounter Christ  
**and our lives are changed.**

In unexpected places,  
in moments of joy, and in times of sadness, we encounter Christ  
**and our lives are changed.**

Come, let us worship the One who changes lives.

Come, let us worship God.

**\*PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Holy God,**

**In this busy world that we inhabit**

**grant us space to rest awhile -**

**by the still waters of your peace,**

**to hear the whisper of your voice**

**and feel the warmth of your breeze**

**within our souls.**

**Grant us space to rest awhile. Amen**

**\*HYMN MV #1: Let Us Build a House vs. 1, 3 & 5**

1 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.

3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;

a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

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

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone

to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;

let us bring an end to fear and danger:

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

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

You call us to follow  
and our footsteps falter,  
reach out your hand and we treat you as stranger,  
whisper our name and we simply ignore you.

Gracious God,  
slow to anger, swift to bless,  
forgive us, restore us.  
Grant us hearts that stand firm,  
a faith that is strong  
and a hope that endures. 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**

### **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 MV #182: Grateful**

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.  
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

Holy God,  
You speak to us in many ways,  
through rushing wind or still small voice,  
in Scripture's Word and through your Grace.  
Help us hear your voice above the clamour of this world,  
recognize the difference and follow only you. Amen

**\*Psalm 42 (Sung) VU #766**

1 As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you;  
you alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield  
to you alone may my spirit yield;  
you alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.

2 I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy;  
you alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye. **R**

3 You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a king;  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything! **R**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Hebrew 12:1 – 2**

**Reader:** Patricia Young

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

**ANTHEM:**

**SERMON:**

**\*HYMN MV #194: Bread of Life, Feed My Soul**

Bread of life, feed my soul,  
as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.  
Bread of life, fill my heart  
with the grace and mercy you impart.

I have heard your voice calling,  
“Come, my friend, and share  
in the feast that is laid out for you  
to show how much I care”.

Bread of life, help me live  
a life as pure and true as Jesus did.  
Bread of life, help me see  
the boundless love of Christ for you and me

I have heard your voice calling,  
“Come, my friend, and share  
in the feast that is laid out for you  
to show how much I care”.

Bread of life, feed my soul,  
as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.  
Bread of life, fill my heart  
with the grace and mercy you impart.

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Invitation to Communion**

In the name of the One who said,  
“I am the bread of life,”  
I invite you to come and eat.  
In the name of the One who said,  
“I am the true vine,”  
I invite you to come and drink.  
In the name of the One who said,  
“Love one another as I have loved you,”  
I invite you to the table of Jesus Christ.  
This is the table of the risen Christ

**In this feast gleams the promise of the earth  
and glory of all creation.**

In this feast comes the Christ  
Saviour and Friend to all.

### **Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!  
Before all that is, You were God.  
Outside all we know, You are God.  
After all is finished, You will be God.  
Archangels sound the trumpets,  
Angels teach us their songs,  
Saints pull us into your presence.

And this is our song:  
**Holy, holy, holy God**  
**our life, our mercy, our might.**  
**Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**  
**Save us, we pray, you beyond all.**  
**Blest is he who comes in your name.**  
**Save us, we pray, you beyond all.**

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!  
You beyond the galaxies,  
You under the oceans  
You inside the leaves,  
You pouring down rain,  
You opening the flowers,  
You feeding the insects,  
You giving us your image,  
You arcing us through the waters,  
You holding us in the night,  
Your smile on Sarah and Abraham,  
Your hand with Moses and Miriam,  
Your words through Deborah and Isaiah,  
You giving us Jesus  
Who lived among us,  
Healing, teaching, dying rising  
Inviting us all to the feast.

On the night Jesus was betrayed,  
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying,  
“Take and eat; this is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”  
And again after supper he took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink, saying:  
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and all people  
For the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ has risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on this meal.  
Enliven this bread,  
Awaken this body,  
Pour us out for each other  
Open our minds,  
Ignite your church,  
Nourish the life of the earth.  
Make us, while many, one.  
Make us, though broken, whole,  
Makes us, despite death, alive.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!  
We praise you now and forever.  
Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most Holy.  
**Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done on earth as it is heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup**

The bread we break  
**Is our sharing in the life of Christ.**  
The cup for which we give thanks  
**Is our sharing in the life of Christ.**

### **Prayer After Communion**

**We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness;  
that wine poured out replenishes;  
that time spent with the Risen Christ  
and one another is gift and grace. Amen**

**SOLO: "One" Evan Smith**

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



**RELEASE FROM COVENANT**  
***Statement of Purpose – Stephen Jewczyk***

Our church, like any community, changes. Babies are born. Children grow up. Loved ones and friends grow old. People move into our community and church. Others leave us, moving on to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities.

Let us not forget that the ministry in our congregation is Christ's ministry, entrusted to us as part of his Body. Our ministry belongs to Jesus and is ongoing.

When a minister comes into our midst, we covenant with one another; we promise to walk together as God's People, deepening our commitment to Jesus Christ and growing closer to God.

God's covenant with us never changes, but our covenants with one another do change. We gather now to mark the ending of the covenant between The Reverend Miriam Bowlby, Cochrane Street United and First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council.

***Prayer***

**O God, we give you thanks for the time and the faith shared in this community. We give you thanks for the faithful ministry of Rev. Miriam in our midst. We thank you for the worship, the learning, and the service that have been ours together. Be with us now as we mark the end of this relationship, and guide us by your Holy Spirit into the next stage of our life with you. Amen.**

**Returning of Symbols of Ministry – Rev. Miriam Bowlby**

Friends, you called me into your midst, to serve with you as your Minister of word, sacrament and pastoral care, to preach, to teach, and to preside over the sacraments.

***Bible (returned to David Tucker)***

I return this Bible to you.

It is the symbol of the ministry of the Word among us. May God's Word continue to challenge, nurture, and inspire you.

*A Bible is placed on table*

**We will continue to place scripture at the centre of our life. The Word of God lives among us. Thanks be to God.**

**Water & Font** (returned to Judy Kay)

I return this water and font to you.

The font is the symbol of our baptism, the place of our birth into the Body of Christ. May you continue to welcome new members through the Living Waters of our faith.

*Water is poured into the font*

**We will continue to celebrate new life in baptism; the font of blessing welcomes all. Thanks be to God.**

**Loaf and Chalice** (Tim and Paula Reynolds)

I return this loaf and chalice to you.

The table is the symbol of our communion in Christ, the source of nourishment and strength. May you continue to share the bread and cup, remembering the One who is Bread of Life and True Vine.

*A plate and a chalice are placed on table*

**We will continue to break the bread and share the cup; the table invites us to taste and see that God is good. Thanks be to God.**

**Keys** (returned to Charlie Pope)

I return these keys to you.

These keys are a symbol of our daily duties and the work of administration; and of this building, a witness to Christ's presence in our communities. This week I will give my keys back. May your light continue to shine in this place.

*Keys are placed on table*

**We will continue our work and ministry in this place. Thanks be to God.**

Response by Rev. Miriam

Members and friends of Cochrane Street United Church, thank you for the love, hospitality and support you have shown me while I have ministered with you over these past ten and a half years. I am grateful for the blessings, the surprises, the challenges and for the opportunities we have shared. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

Let us not forget that the ministry in this place is Christ's ministry entrusted to us as part of his body. Our ministry together always belongs to Jesus and is always ongoing.

**We receive your thankfulness, offer our forgiveness, and accept that you are now leaving us to minister elsewhere.**

**We are grateful for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.**

**We release you from your duties of ministry here in our midst, no longer turning to you as we have when you were in ministry among us.**

**As we part, may we know God's grace and peace.**

***Release from Covenantal Promises – Stephen Jewczyk***

Will you, the people of Cochrane Street United Church, release Rev. Miriam from the duties of the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care, at the end of next week?

**We will, with God's help.**

Will you respect the new relationship that now begins and offer your encouragement and prayers for her continued ministry elsewhere?

**We will, with God's help.**

Will you, Reverend Miriam, release the people of Cochrane Street United Church from their dependence upon you as a minister of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you respect the new relationship that now begins and offer your encouragement and prayers for their continued ministry here?

**I will, with God's help.**

**All: We will continue to build, to dream and to grow, discerning the will of God for us in our time and place.**

**\*HYMN VU #586: We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection**

1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;  
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of new life in Christ. (*vs. 2 next page*)

2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,  
expressive love alive in every heart.  
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,  
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,  
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,  
including all in circles of our love.

## **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 VU #884: You Shall Go Out with Joy**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)  
while you go out with joy.

## **POSTLUDE**

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

## **2022 MEMORIAL SERVICES**

The dates for this year's Memorial Services are as follows:

Monday, July 4	7:00PM	Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (Hamilton Avenue Extension)
Monday, July 18	7:00PM	General Protestant Cemetery (Topsail Road)
Monday, August 1	7:00PM	Memorial Gardens Cemetery (Beaumont Hamel Way)

*PLEASE NOTE: In the event of inclement weather,  
the services will move ahead to 7:00PM the next evening.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JUN 26:	Rev. Miriam's last service – celebration of ministry together & ending the pastoral relationship
JUL 3:	<b>No CSUC Service</b> ; sharing with Gower Street UC
JUL 10	Rev. Karen Bursey
JUL 17	Bert Riggs
JUL 24:	<b>No CSUC Service</b> – Tely Ten Sharing service with St. James UC
JUL 31	Bert Riggs

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



A BIG THANK YOU to our volunteers who stuffed envelopes last week and helped pack our items yesterday in preparation for the renovations. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated!

### **COMMUNITY HALL AND EXTERIOR WALLS RENOVATIONS:**

**Commencing July 1, 2022**, renovations to the interior space and exterior windows of the community space and apartments by First Light will take place and continue over the summer months into the fall. Renovations to the community space will include new offices, hallways, and the community meeting space itself. Access to the community space will be prohibited during the interior renovations phase of the work. Your patience and cooperation during this period is appreciated.

**OUTDOOR PLANTS:** If you or anyone you know are interested in adding some new plants to your garden, call Tim (325-661). There is a good selection of hostas, corn flowers, primula, saxafrage, and many others left over from our church plant sale. Don't wait! Get them before they're gone!

**SUMMER SERVICES:** The worship committee is looking for volunteers to help lead our services over the summer months. There are lots of ways you can help with this — maybe you could share a reflection/sermon, or lead a learning time, or lead the service with someone else sharing a reflection/sermon. If you are able to help out in any way please contact the chair of the worship committee Paula Reynolds. [pt2reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:pt2reynolds@gmail.com).

**Historic Roll Project:** Cochrane Street United Church has two lists that we need to maintain. One is congregational list with all our current active members. The other list is our Historic Roll which we are required to maintain as a congregation of The United Church of Canada. The last time our historic roll was updated was 1979. We are working on getting an accurate list of members of Cochrane Street United Church. In the next number of weeks letters will be going out to collect that information. If you are on the congregational list, you will not get a letter and your membership will continue as always. Rev. Miriam may reach out to some of you to see if your children or grandchildren would like to continue being listed as members of Cochrane Street United Church. We ask for your help and cooperation as we do this important work. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Miriam at [revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com)

**Mission Articulation Plan (MAP) Team:** Members of the team (Blair Bradbury, Heather McMaster, David Peters, Charlie Pope, and Tim Reynolds) have begun their meetings. The group would be happy to receive input from the congregation on the future priorities and direction of the church. Please feel free to contact any member of the team if you have additional information by speaking to them on Sundays or contacting the church office (722-3023).

**SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER VOLUNTEER:** Council is seeking a volunteer to be actively engaged in CSUC's social media platforms (Facebook, YouTube, Twitter & Instagram). These platforms have been developed for several years and are currently managed by Rev. Miriam Bowlby. The successful volunteer will support and update the various platforms on a weekly basis commencing in July 2022. If you are a social media whizz or someone in your household is interested in managing our social media platforms, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com). Rev. Miriam will provide an orientation lesson on the social media platforms and what is required to keep them up to date.

**COCHRANE CENTRE REPRESENTATIVES:** Cochrane Centre is seeking representatives from Cochrane Street United Church to sit on their Board. Cochrane Centre was the creation of CSUC and we have 4 representatives on the Board. Currently, there are two vacant CSUC positions on the Board. If you are interested in nurturing and furthering our vision as a centre for the community, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com).

**Expression of Interest for FDEE Regional Divisions/Teams:**

If you are interested in serving the region on a division or team, please visit: <https://ucceast.ca/68292-expression-of-interest-for-first-dawn-eastern-edge-region-divisions-teams>

**FDEE Regional Council Summer Hours:** For information for the office summer hour schedule please visit:

<https://ucceast.ca/70351-2022-office-summer-hours>

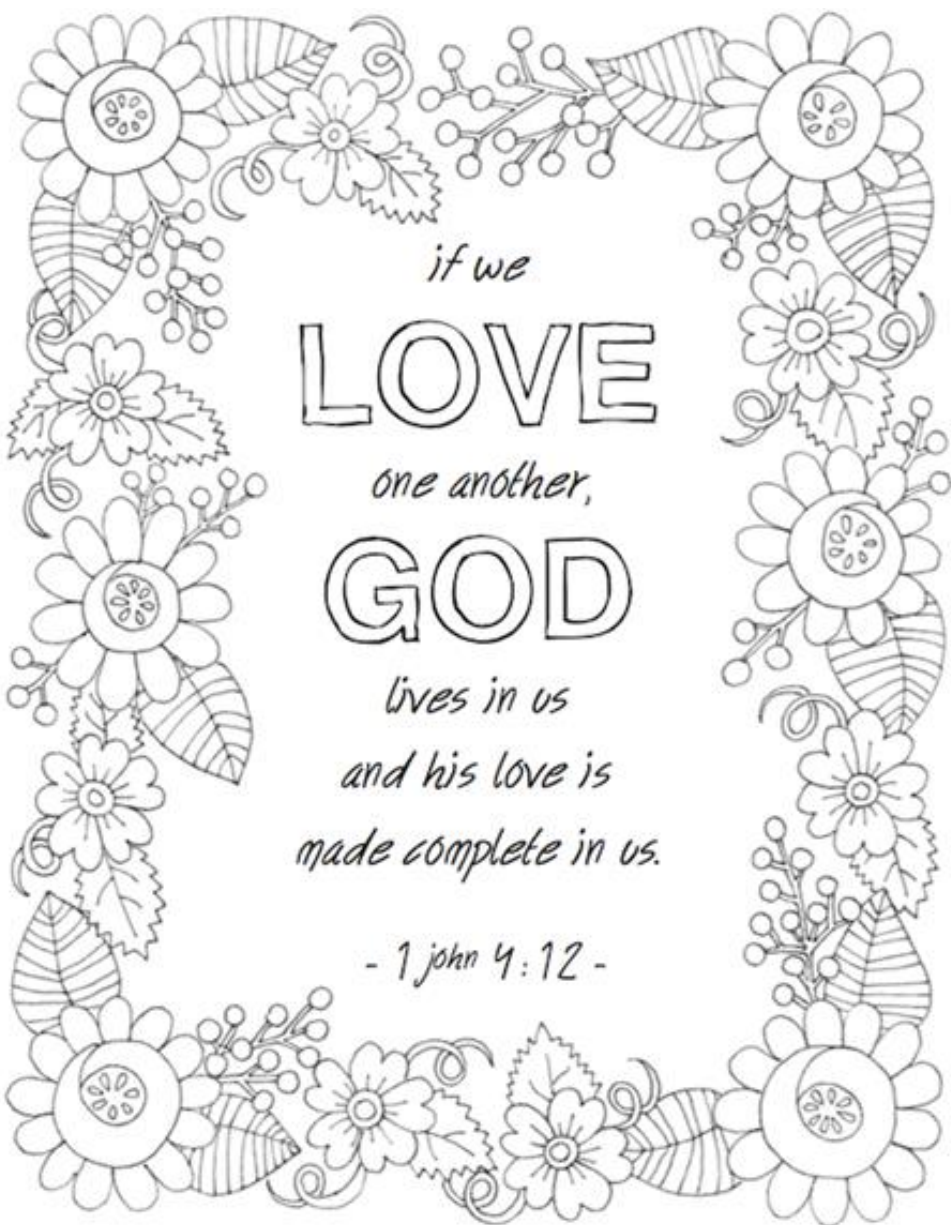
**FDEE Regional Council Stewardship Committee:** The First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Stewardship Committee is creating a network of Mission and Service Enthusiasts to help congregations recognize the importance of God's and our United Church mission. It is the goal of the committee to have a representative for all communities of faith in the network to share information and ideas and get input from people in different parts of the FDEE Regional Council. If you don't already have a representative, please contact us, and help us connect with the right person in your community of faith. Please reach out to any of the following committee members for more information: Rev. Brian Hannon at [bchannon60@gmail.com](mailto:bchannon60@gmail.com); William Matchem (DLM Retired) at [b.matchem62@hotmail.com](mailto:b.matchem62@hotmail.com); Morley Knight at [knightmorley@hotmail.com](mailto:knightmorley@hotmail.com).

**HELP BRIDGES TO HOPE WIN \$20,000!** The Great Canadian Giving Challenge is a national contest to benefit any registered Canadian charity. Every \$1 donated in June is an automatic entry for your charity of choice to win (a minimum \$3 donation is required). The grand prize draw is on July 1, and one lucky charity will receive \$20,000! The last year has been the most challenging in the 33 years that we have been providing food assistance in our community. Without the ability to hold fundraising events and a 90% decrease in food donations, your online support is more needed and appreciated than ever. Your kindness is much needed and appreciated at this time. To donate, please visit: <https://www.bridgestohope.ca/fundraising>.

**STUFF THE MOBILE SHELVING FOR BRIDGES TO HOPE!** We are going to fill our shelving with the following items: Canned Beans, Canned Milk, Canned Meats, Mac n Cheese, 1 litre Juice, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Crackers, Cereal. Any other non-perishable food item would be much appreciated. Thank you so much for your support.

**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. For more information, check out this website: <https://www.greencan.ca/?page=start>

**DINNER THEATRE FUNDRAISER – NASHVILLE NIGHTS!** Help support the Kiwanis Music Festival of St. John's. Get your ticket today by emailing [brendakf@nl.rogers.com](mailto:brendakf@nl.rogers.com). Come join us at Spirit of Newfoundland (6 Cathedral Street, St. John's) on **June 28** at 7pm. Doors open 6:30pm. Tickets are \$100 each (\$40 charitable receipt).



*if we*

LOVE

*one another,*

GOD

*lives in us*

*and his love is*

*made complete in us.*

*- 1 john 4:12 -*