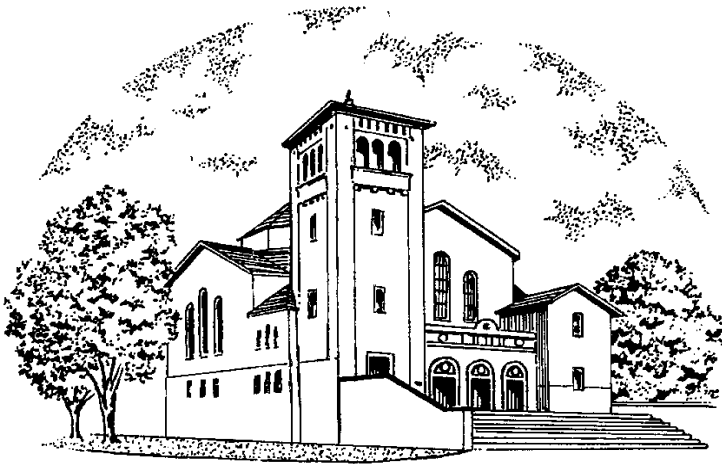


Cochrane Street United Church

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September 11th, 2022

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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 SEPTEMBER

Roger Crosbie, Jim Austin, Jeff Critch, Jim Oakley

Tuesdays	9:00 am	–	1:30 pm
Thursdays	10:00 am	–	2:30 pm
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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: **It's a Song of Praise to the Maker (vs. 1) #30MV**

It's a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker, the gray whale sings in the sea,
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker, too.

*WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

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: **God of Still Waiting**

#20MV

God of still waiting, God of deep longing,
God of the heart's true rest:
hold us in fathomless peace,
guard us with un-waning love.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

**This is the place where the prophets cry out
for peace and justice and righteousness.**

It is the place where God reaches down

**into the corners of our lives,
to offer us the mystery of holy love.**

This is no ordinary gathering.

This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Glorious God,
We come together as your people.
We come as a praising people,
singing your goodness;
we come as a praying people,
bringing our needs, our joys;
we come as a listening people,
opening to your Word.
Fill us with your love
and empower us for faithful living.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN: O Master Let Me Walk With Thee**

#560VU

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

From self-righteousness that will not compromise,
and from selfishness
that gains from the manipulation of others,
deliver us, O God.

From the lust for money or power that drives to kill,
deliver us, O God.

From the arrogance and thoughtlessness
that abuses your good creation,
deliver us, O God.

From trusting in the weapons of war,
and mistrusting the councils of peace,
deliver us, O God.

From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other people,
deliver us, O God.

From suspicions and fears
that stand in the way of reconciliation,
deliver us, O God.

From words and deeds that encourage discord,
perpetuate racist assumptions,
sexist stereotypes, and classist attitudes;
from everything that contributes to oppression,
deliver us, O God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Take comfort in the assurance
that even those things that are hidden from memory,
or are too deep for our words,
are not beyond God's forgiving love.

God, who knows us completely,
bestows pardon and peace.
We are a forgiven and loved people.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

***HYMN: Breathe On Me Breath of God #382VU**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN Grateful #182MV**

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:**

**Gracious God,
Accept all that we offer to you today.
Bless our gifts of time and talent,
as well as our gifts of money.
May they all be used for the building up of your Kingdom.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

**O God, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: JEREMIAH 4:11-12, 22-28

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM: PSALM 14 (pg. 735VU)

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 15:1-10

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

SOLO:

SERMON:

***HYMN: Great Is Thy Faithfulness #288VU**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

*HYMN: Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven #240VU

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.

CHORAL BENEDICTION: Walk With Me (vs. 4) #649VU

*Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.*

And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new,
the witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you.

*Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.*

POSTLUDE

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

MEMORIALS

*In Memory of Nellie Myrtle King,
From the Brown and King Family*

It is with profound sorrow we share the sad news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Canada's head of state and longest-reigning British monarch. Queen Elizabeth passed peacefully away at her Balmoral Home in Scotland on Thursday afternoon, September 8, 2022. Her eldest son's new title is now King Charles III. We extend our deepest condolences to all members of The Royal Family.

As of September 9, and for the next 10 days, a book of condolence will be available for members of the public to sign at Government House between 9am and 5pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SEP 11: CSUC - David Peters

SEP 18: CSUC – Bert Riggs

SEP 25: Tim & Paula Reynolds

SEP 25: Orange Shirt Day

OCT 01: CSUC's Plant & Harvest SALE

OCT 02: CSUC - Rev. Marion Davis

OCT 09: CSUC – Betty Barnes

OCT 09: Thanksgiving Sunday

OCT 16: CSUC – Bert Riggs

OCT 23: CSUC–Stephen/Charlotte Jewczyk

OCT 30: CSUC - Rev. Peggy Johnson

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

WELCOME TO TRISTAN! The Cochrane Street United Church family extends a warm welcome to Tristan Cleveland-Thompson, who is starting his musical ministry with us at this worship service. We are so fortunate to have Tristan join us as both organist and choral director who will lead us in our rich musical tradition. Tristan graduated from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, with a Bachelor of Music Majoring in Pipe Organ Performance. He has had experience with being a Music Director in a church setting for more than 10 years, including being Music Director 2016-2018 for Fort Massey United Church Halifax, NS, and for the Presbyterian Church of Saint David, also in Halifax, NS, from 2009-2026. We look forward to his gift of music and being a part of our church family.

No SCENTS MAKES GOOD SENSE! A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Thank you for helping.

CONGREGATIONAL GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP: An important workshop on Congregational Governance is being planned early this fall for all communities of faith in First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council. Please save the date **Tuesday, September 20, 2022**, in your calendar for this informative webinar. The workshop will take place **11:30am–1:30pm, using Zoom** video conferencing. More details and Zoom meeting links will be available closer to the workshop date.

BURRY HEIGHTS DAY: It is with regret that the Directors of Burry Heights Camp and Retreat Centre announce that Burry Heights Day set for Saturday, September 17, 2022, **has been cancelled** - Do keep us in mind for next September.

UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE: September 21, 2022, is the International Day of Peace. Established by the United Nations in 1981, “Peace Day” is an opportunity for everyone to promote peace personally, politically, and communally.

Faith FORWARD – 2022 Web Event Series: We’ve got work to do! Re-imagining ministry with children, youth, and families means challenging existing assumptions and practices and experimenting with ones that are more generous, more loving, and, well, more like the kind of life to which Jesus invites us. This web series will inspire and equip you to do this hope-filled work and connect you with like-minded ministry leaders. **\$25** for each event // **\$60** for all three – discount available for students and those with financial limitations. To register and for more details, go to this website: <https://www.faith-forward.net/events>.

EVENT ONE: September 28, 1:00-2:15pm ET (with Lakisha Lockhart)
Embodied Faith: Using Play to Enhance the Lives and Faith of Our Children

EVENT TWO: October 26, 1:00-2:15pm ET
Internal Welcome and External Witness: LGBTQ Youth Ministry with Ross Murray

EVENT THREE: November 9, 1:00-2:15pm ET
Reflections on Decoloniality within Youth Ministry with Shantelle Weber

BRIDGES TO HOPE – Volunteers Needed! If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Lesley at info@bridgestohope.ca. The positions below require standing for extended periods, bending, twisting, and some lifting (up to 50lb):

Bread Baker: 9AM–1PM weekly on Mondays, baking experience an asset
Pantry Volunteers: 5:30–8:00PM weekly on Wednesdays, beginning October

STELLA'S CIRCLE will be **recruiting new board members** in advance of their AGM at the end of September in the areas of: Board/Governance, Risk Assessment Management, Strategic/Corporate Planning and Financial Literacy/Accounting, based on an analysis of their board matrix and the gap areas they will have with some upcoming departures. In addition to the skills listed above, they are also recruiting in areas of diversity, including young people and anyone with lived expertise in the areas that Stella’s Circle serves. For more information please see below:

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/stellascircle/photos/a.1555710881375575/3336110296668949/>

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Website 1: <https://stellascircle.ca/join-our-board/>

Website 2: <https://secureservercdn.net/50.62.194.59/q0u.7cb.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Ad-for-Directors-2022.pdf>

INVESTING IN RECONCILIATION: I am writing to share with you an invitation from the United Church of Canada Foundation to attend a webinar on “Investing in Reconciliation” on **September 21** for United Church investing bodies (congregations, regions, educational institutions, and national organisations). The webinar will feature two SHARE staff: Joseph Bastien, Project manager, [Reconciliation and Responsible Investment Initiative](#), and Sarah Couturier-Tanoh, Manager, Corporate Engagement. Sarah and Joseph have been leading SHARE’s work to help companies and investors build reconciliation into their business and investment plans. Please share with finance and investment committee members and anyone else who may be interested. For more information and to register, please visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lh-soEmiRSC0XOwKhwtT3g

ORANGE SHIRT DAY: On **September 30**, 2022, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential institutions. This year, Indigenous communities across the country continue to share the truth they have always known: that many of the children who never returned home remain on the grounds of those institutions in unmarked burial sites. These communities are now seeking to honour the missing children.

On Orange Shirt Day we also observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. For non-Indigenous Christians in particular, this is a time to reflect on their role in colonialism and the ongoing responsibility to make reparations. For more information, please visit: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/honour-children-who-attended-residential-schools>

GOWER STREET BLOCK PARTY: The Anglican Cathedral, The Basilica, Gower Street United Church and St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church invite you to the annual Gower Street Block Party on **September 18, from 12:30pm–3:00pm**. Join us on Gower Street, in front of the Anglican Cathedral, for live music, entertainment for kids and adults and of course, some food for all. The Gower Street Block Party will be a free community event. Everyone is welcome to attend!

TAKE OUT HOT TURKEY DINNERS: Pick up at Cowan Heights United Church on Saturday, **September 24**, at 4:30pm. The meal includes: fresh turkey (white & dark meat), dressing, potatoes, carrot, turnip, gravy, cranberry sauce, roll & butter pattie, and dessert! \$20 per dinner. For tickets, call the church office at 745-2871. **Deadline to order is September 18, 2022.**

RENNIE'S RIVER DUCK RACE: Join us **October 16, 2022**, at **NOON** on Rennie's Mill Road between Carpasian Road and Portugal Cove Road. The race starts at Herder Bridge. The first ducks across the finish line win one of 3 prizes for their sponsor. This Annual Rennie's River Duck Race is a fundraiser for the Quidi Vidi / Rennie's River Development Foundation. Each ticket purchased comes with 6 awesome bonus coupons. Funds from this event help support our environmental education, conservation and stewardship initiatives. Tickets \$10 each or three for \$25. Come by The Fluvarium at 5 Nagle's Place to get your tickets. For further information, call 722-3825.

Easter Seals NL – Register today for Run, Walk, Stroll, and Roll:

Easter Seals NL invites you to register for Run, Walk, Stroll, and Roll at Bowring Park on Saturday, **September 17** (*rain date: Saturday, September 24*)! At this fun, family event, you will have the option of completing a 2km loop (paved) or a 5km loop (trailed). Feeling like you want to push it to 10km? We will cheer you on every step of the way! And stick around for food, entertainment by Julianne Meaney, and lawn games. For more information about this event, check out our website at <https://eastersealsnl.ca/events/run-walk-stroll-and-roll/>.

EASTER SEALS NL: Welcome to our monthly planner! View planner items on the website, <https://eastersealsnl.ca/planner/>. Items posted in the Planner reflect **current** or **upcoming events, programs, and career services information**. For a full list of programs and details please visit the Easter Seals NL website www.eastersealsnl.ca.

2022 ST. JOHN'S RED SHOE CREW – WALK FOR FAMILIES:

During September 2022, Ronald McDonald House Newfoundland and Labrador will host the annual Red Shoe Crew Walk for Families event in communities across the province. Come join us at The Bungalow at Bowring Park on Saturday, **September 24**, from 1pm to 3pm. Register today at www.WalkForFamilies.ca/stjohns. This important and fun initiative helps raise awareness and funds to provide a home away from home for sick children and their families when they need it most.

THE PIANO MEN: The Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra welcomes **Evan Smith**, who will bring to life the incomparable music of Billy Joel and Elton John in "The Piano Men" presented by East Port Properties. It will be a night to remember! The NSO's The Piano Men takes place at 8PM on Friday, **January 27** & Saturday **January 28, 2023**. Tickets are available at the ACC Box Office (729-3900), online at www.artsandculturecentre.com and at the door.

