

Cochrane Street United Church

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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

OFFICE HOURS September 26 – 30

Tuesday 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
Thursday 10:00 am – 2:30 pm
Friday *Closed (Stat Holiday)*

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709-754-2532 or info@cochranecentre.ca

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES AND FUNERALS

Rev. Oliver Dingwell will cover all pastoral emergencies and funerals.
He can be reached at (709) 640-4632

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

**bold is in unison

PRELUDE:

INTROIT VU #229: GOD OF THE SPARROW (vs. 6)

6 God of the ages God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Acknowledging Our Kinship:

Creator, we come together today as diverse, united peoples to give thanks to you, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

We come to listen, to learn, to sing and pray, to consider our place in the order of things you have created and are creating.

It is right and good to give thanks for the land on which we stand, for this is wisdom we learn from Indigenous peoples of this land—that we are one with the earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.

Such wisdom, our interdependence with all life, is something too easy to forget in our busy lives! It is a gift and a challenge to us to remember.

And so we take time to acknowledge the lands on which we now live.

Many of us have come from other places, arriving from distant shores, our families arriving years ago or some of us more recently. When settlers came, they were met by others who were already here, already knew these lands, already lived rich and full lives based on ancient and proud cultures.

Let us take time to name the peoples of this land now:

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.

O God, as we acknowledge the peoples who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial, and their continued claims to the land, help us to become neighbours that we might live together in better ways.

For we are all kin in Christ, “All My Relations,” with each other and this earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.

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 VU #381: Spirit of Life

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF APPROACH

Creator has placed each and every one of us here with purpose!

Let us praise Creator for the earth below our feet.

For Mother Earth sustains us,

and all creation cries out for justice.

Creator has given us the eastern direction: the direction of vision, children, and the sun that rises on us each day.

Let us view the world with child-like wonder

—full of awe and humility.

Thankful for the new day that dawns on us each

and every morning,

we give thanks for God

who gives us new mercies every day.

Creator has given us the southern direction: the direction of honesty, adolescence, and growth.

**Help us to speak only the truth,
and open our hearts to hear the stories of others.
Inspire us to grow in the image of Christ
who teaches us to walk the good path.**

Creator has given us the western direction: the direction of adulthood, harvesting, and deep spiritual understanding.

**Give us the tools we need to act on the knowledge
we are gathering,
allowing us to act with maturity and grace.**

Creator has given us the northern direction: the direction of Elders, achievement, and a deep connection to spirituality.

**Empower us to learn from the past,
and to move forward to create your beloved community
here on Mother Earth.**

**Holy Spirit, give us the teachings
we need to correct any wrongs,
and to live lives full of love, peace, and hope.
Be with us now, Creator, as we worship you
in awe-filled praise. Amen.**

***HYMN:**

CALLED BY EARTH AND SKY

MV # 135

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and
image. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

**God's love is sure and steadfast,
always providing a way out,
a way through, a way back to God.
We are a forgiven people.
Thanks be to God. Amen**

LEARNING TOGETHER

*HYMN:

GOD WEEPS

MV # 78

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 MV #182 GRATEFUL (chorus)

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:28 - 34

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

SERMON: A Betrayal of Trust

Reflective Music

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYER – And A Child Will Lead Us

Powerful Christ, we are grateful that you came to us as a child,
Who grew out of a community that nurtured, supported and
taught you the way of your ancestors.

You have asked us to do the same:

to treat every child as we would treat you,
to love every person as you have loved us.

We are grateful that

your power is rooted in love, not force;
your strength is displayed through community not might.

**You have taught us to work toward a better world
where all of creation thrives and where every child matters.**

**On this Orange Shirt Day,
we remember Phyllis Webstad as a child,
and the stolen childhood of all the children forcibly raised by
church-run institutions, known as residential schools.**

We lament how these institutions:

**stole from children the opportunity to grow in a safe and
loving environment,
stole from Elders the opportunity to share their teachings
and wisdom with younger generations; and
stole from communities the opportunity to live
intergenerationally.**

**We mourn the children who never made it home,
the communities that were destroyed,
the broken hearts,
the stories never shared, and
the shattered relationships.**

We ask that you provide

**comfort - to all who are seeking healing and who daily
wrestle with the ongoing harmful legacy of these colonial
institutions,**

**strength - to all who name how colonial powers have
harmed us as peoples and as a nation, often at great personal
cost; and**

courage - to all who are working toward reconciliation.

Christ Child,

**As you grew, you reminded us to always welcome and care for
children. We remember your children today**

**We lament and acknowledge the sinful ways that colonial
powers tried to eradicate Indigenous cultures within Canada,
breaking Indigenous families,
removing children from their homes while destroying
communities.**

**And we pray for healing,
so that we who live together in this country
can also work together to build a better future
where all children are cherished, beloved and given what they
need to thrive.**

**So that we might treat all children as we would treat you, our
Beloved. May it be so. 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.

***HYMN:** **IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER** **VU # 703**

*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 MV #209: GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

REFRAIN: Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
 Go make a difference in the world. **X2**

POSTLUDE

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SEP 25: Tim Reynolds

SEP 25: Orange Shirt Day

OCT 01: CSUC's Plant & Harvest SALE

OCT 02: CSUC - Rev. Marion Davis

OCT 02: World Wide Communion Sunday

OCT 02: 2:30pm Learning about Residential
Schools & Indigenous History in NL

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.

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

PASTORAL COVERAGE FOR CSUC: While Cochrane Street United Church is without a minister, Rev. Oliver Dingwell will be covering all pastoral emergencies and funerals. He can be reached at (709) 640-4632 or by email at: odingwell@cowanheightsunited.ca. If Rev. Oliver is not available, please contact Paula Reynolds pt2reynolds@gmail.com.

Next Meeting of Church Council is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 7pm via ZOOM. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please contact Stephen Jewczyk Council Chair at sjewczyk@gmail.com.

MAP Document: Church Council is meeting to discuss and approve the final document on Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 7pm via ZOOM. MAP Team members are welcome to participate.

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.

FALL PLANT AND HARVEST SALE: Our fall plant and harvest sale is Saturday October 1, 2022, from 11:00am–2:00pm. Drop off your indoor and outdoor plants and chutneys, relishes, jams and marmalades at 81 Cochrane Street on October 1, 2022, from 9:30–10:30am. If you need your plants picked up, please contact the church office by Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at info@cochranestreetuc.com or 722-3023.

Learning the History of Residential Schools and Indigenous History in

Canada: Join us on **October 2, 2022, 2:30pm**, for an insightful presentation and discussion about the history and on-going impacts of residential schools on Labrador Inuit. “OUR LONG JOURNEY: THE LEGACY OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS IN LABRADOR”, is hosted by Cochrane Street United Church with presenters Andrea Procter, distinguished author of “A Long Journey: Residential Schools in Labrador and Newfoundland”, and Ashley Dicker, a proud Inuk from Nain and the descendant of multiple generations of residential school survivors. The presentation will also include: Kilautiup Songuninga - Inuit Drum group, Immali – throat singers, and Elders. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited. Advance **registration** is required by contacting Ashley Dicker at 709- 899-2867 or ashleydicker@outlook.com by **September 27**. **The event is free** and will take place in the event space, entrance via 42 Bannerman Street. All are welcome.

Faith FORWARD – 2022 Web Event Series: We're re-imagining ministry with children, youth, and families. This means challenging existing assumptions and practices and experimenting with ones that are 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. **\$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

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. 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 details:

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

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StellasCircle/status/1562124672853999616>

Insta: <https://www.instagram.com/p/ChnCjsQOvHL/>

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>

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>

TO ORDER T-SHIRTS, check out the Pipers, Mark's and Walmart stores.

FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL (FPT) MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SENIORS FORUM has launched a public consultation on how older adults experience ageism and potential solutions for addressing it. **Please complete the questionnaire** and share your story on our website **by September 30, 2022**. Visit our website for more information at <https://esdc-consultations.canada.ca/ageism-consultation>.

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.

Tim Horton’s SMILE COOKIE Campaign: Purchase a \$1.00 Smile Cookie at a participating Tim Horton’s in the greater St. John’s Area from September 19-25. 100% of the price (before taxes) goes to help local charities and organizations in your community. Health Care Foundation on 300 Prince Phillip Drive has been selected as this year’s recipient. Visit <https://www.timhortons.ca/smilecookie-map> to find a participating location near you and place your order. To order on-line, download the [pre-order form on our website](#) and submit it to a restaurant near you at least 24 hours prior to pick-up.



every child matters