

# **GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*please stand as you are able

## **PRELUDE:**

## **\*INTROIT:**

## **\*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 MV #21: Open Our Hearts**

Open our hearts, open our minds.

Open our lives to you O loving God.

Open our hearts.

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

**God's ways are just and merciful.**

Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

**In all that they do, they prosper.**

Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

**Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice**

## **\*PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Creator of all things,**

**Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End.**

**Whose love poured out mends broken hearts.**

**Whose wounded hands reach out to all.**

**Whose Spirit waits to enter in.**

**You are the everything that we desire.**

**Be with us now.**

**Bless us that we might be**

**a blessing to others. Amen.**

## **\*HYMN # 560: O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**God of justice and righteousness,**

**your call beckons to us:  
to live faithful lives,  
to walk in your ways;  
yet it is so easy to turn aside:  
to speak a thoughtless word,  
to ignore those in need,  
to forget your ways.  
Forgive us.  
Implant your word in our hearts  
that we might faithfully serve you. 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.**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**\*HYMN # 664: What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

### **OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN: #542: We Give You But Your Own**  
We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

### **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**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Isaiah 50:4 - 9**

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

## **RESPONSIVE PSALM 116 page 836**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Mark 8:27 - 38**

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### **ANTHEM:**

### **Sermon:**

**\*HYMN # 183: We Meet You, O Christ**

## **GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN # 637: Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me**

### **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 # 422: God Be With You**

**God Be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide uphold you.  
With a shepherd’s care enfold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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