GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

*INTROIT #541: Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow

Praise God from who all blessings flow Praise God, all creatures high and low; Give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit One

*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:

Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.

We have come to this place in need for healing and hope.

Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.

We come here seeking guidance and strength.

Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.

Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to comprehend your word and follow you faithfully.

*PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Gracious God,

From the moment we awake to face the day ahead,

You are with us.

Your presence enough for our needs.

Through the hours of the day, in our travels and our work, You are with us.

Your wisdom is enough for our needs.

As we lay down to rest at the end of the day, You are with us.

Your peace is enough for our needs.

We come to worship in gratitude

for your presence, wisdom and peace on life's journey. Amen.

*HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God,

You gifted this world and made us stewards of it, gave us family from many lands and asked us to care for them, put your word upon our heart and asked that we share it.

But we have thought only of ourselves

and the blessings of our lives.

Forgive our selfishness, enlarge our vision, and enable us to be faithful bearers of hope, life and love to the world. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our certain hope. 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#

OFFERING INVITATION & 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

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM

SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

Sermon:

*HYMN #

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 in 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,

Forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN #

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

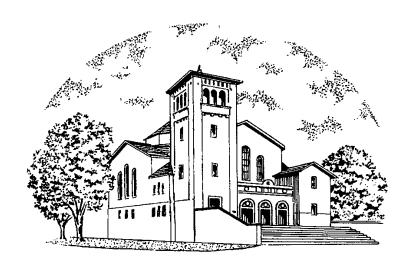
God Be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide uphold you. With a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we again.

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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