

## **GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*please stand as you are able

Guest Preacher: Scott Parsons

### **PRELUDE:**

**\*INTROIT: # 179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks v.2**

### **\*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:**

This is the season of Easter:

**the celebration of resurrection,**

the festival of hope,

**the promise of new beginnings,**

the dance of faith,

**the song of joy,**

the music of gladness,

**the hymn of love.**

Let us worship our life-giving God!

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

**God, alive and among us this day,**

**to you no door is closed,**

**to you no heart is locked;**

**draw us beyond our doubts and fears,**

**till we see the risen Christ**

**and say in our hearts, "We believe." Amen.**

### **\*HYMN # 232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Let us confess our shortcomings,

recalling the words of Christ:

Jesus said, "Peace be with you."

**Yet sometimes we sow discord,  
neglecting to make peace with our sisters and brothers.  
Jesus said, "As God has sent me, so I send you."  
Yet sometimes we refuse to go, fearing to follow  
unknown paths of faith.  
Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."  
But we turn away, rejecting the gifts of the Spirit.  
Forgive us, blessed God,  
in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

As the sun melts the ice in spring,  
as blossoms burst forth on dry branches—  
so God's warmth heals and transforms  
the deadness and brokenness within us.  
In Christ we are a forgiven people!  
**Thanks be to God. Amen**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**\*HYMN # 168 The Risen Christ**

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

### **OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN: #641 vs. 2**

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey,  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

### **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**

**Acts 4:32 - 35**

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

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## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 20:19 - 31**

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

## **ANTHEM:**

## **SERMON: Rev. Scott Parsons**

## **\*HYMN # 185 You Tell Me that the Lord Is Risen**

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

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

## **\*HYMN # 164 The Day of Resurrection**

## **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 # 122: This is the Day**

**This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad!**

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**Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!**

**We will rejoice and be glad!**

**Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!**

**We will rejoice and be glad!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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