

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

***INTROIT: VU # 170 - O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing**

***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:**

Stir up the wills of your people, O God.

Move us into new ways of living.

Stir up the minds of your people, O God.

Move us into deeper ways of thinking.

Stir up the hearts of your people, O God.

Move us into fuller ways of loving.

Stir us thoroughly, O God.

Let us worship you afresh.

***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 # 217: All Creatures of our God and King**

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:

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN # 166: Joy Comes with the Dawn**

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

1 John 3:1 - 7

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13 - 35

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

ANTHEM: Peace Like a River *by J. Raney*

Sermon:

***HYMN # 182: Stay With Us through the Night**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN # 213: Rejoice the Lord Is King**

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!

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

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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