

# **GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*please stand as you are able

## **PRELUDE:**

**\*INTROIT 541: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

## **\*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:**

Holy God,

When the journey is hard

strength is failing, we lose the path, stumble or fall,

You raise us up,

refresh, encourage, give hope.

You enable us to continue on our way,

climb mountains or simply follow day by day. Amen.

## **\*HYMN MV #1: Let Us Build a House (SEE INSERT)**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

You call us to follow and our footsteps falter,

reach out your hand and we treat you as a stranger,

whisper our name and we simply ignore you.

Gracious God,

slow to anger, swift to bless,

forgive us,

**restore us.**

**Grant us hearts that stand firm,  
a faith that is strong and a hope that endures. 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 #356: Seek Ye First**

**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**

**1 John 3:16 - 24**

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

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**John 10: 11 - 18**

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

**ANTHEM: I Will Sing With the Spirit – John Rutter**

**Sermon:**

**\*HYMN MV # 138: My Love Colours Outside the Lines**

1 My love colours outside the lines,  
exploring paths that few could ever find;  
and takes me into places where I've never been before,  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,  
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.  
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,  
And realize there are worlds outside the lines. **R**

2 My Lord colours outside the lines,  
Turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;  
And takes me into places where I've never been before,  
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

3, 4 My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
Gear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been  
before, throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

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

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

**\*HYMN # 326: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

#### **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, 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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