

# GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*please stand as you are able

## PRELUDE:

### \*INTROIT: #559 - Come O Fount of Every Blessing - Verse 1

O Master, let me walk with thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
teach me thy secret, help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

## \*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:

Here, in this place of worship,  
we are surrounded by the love of this community.

**Loved by one another,  
We discover God's love for us.**

Here, in the vineyard,  
we know we are safe in the presence of God.

**Embraced by the True Vine,  
We know God's love for us.**

Here, in this place where we eat and drink  
at the table of unconditional love,  
**we are so filled with love  
that we are called to love one another.**

### \*PRAYER OF APPROACH:

**God of Abundant Love,  
Your love and kindness amazes us daily.  
It is wider than we can imagine,  
it is broader than we can even fathom,  
your love includes us all.**

**Inspire us with the power of your love, O God,  
so that we may have the strength to proclaim that love  
in a world that needs your lovingkindness.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING #256VU**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**God of Love,  
we confess that at times  
we do not live up to your call of unconditional love:  
We have turned away from our neighbours in need.  
We have cursed strangers instead of getting to know them.  
We have turned away from kindness, compassion, and mercy.  
We have acted in unloving ways.  
We have not loved as You love us.  
Forgive us for our loveless-ness.  
Help us to love our neighbours as ourselves.  
Give us the strength to share your love with others.  
This we pray in the name of your unending love. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**Friends, God's steadfast love endures forever.  
That love presents itself in mercy, grace, and forgiveness.  
Through God's love we are forgiven.  
Through God's love we are made whole.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**\*HYMN JESUS LOVES ME #365VU**

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
(See Insert)**

**OFFERING INVITATION AND 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:**

**As we read these words of wisdom, O God,**

**May we be encouraged and inspired  
by the message we receive.**

**Help us, to hear your calling to us, through these words. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: 1 JOHN 4:7-21**

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

**SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 15:1-8**

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

**ANTHEM: Let Your Light Shine** by Mary MacDonald

**SERMON:**

**Oliver Dingwell**

**\*HYMN:**

**AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE**

**#457VU**

**WE FEAST AT THE TABLE OF GOD'S LOVE**

**(see insert for the Communion Liturgy)**

**\*HYMN**

**LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING**

**#333VU**

**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.**

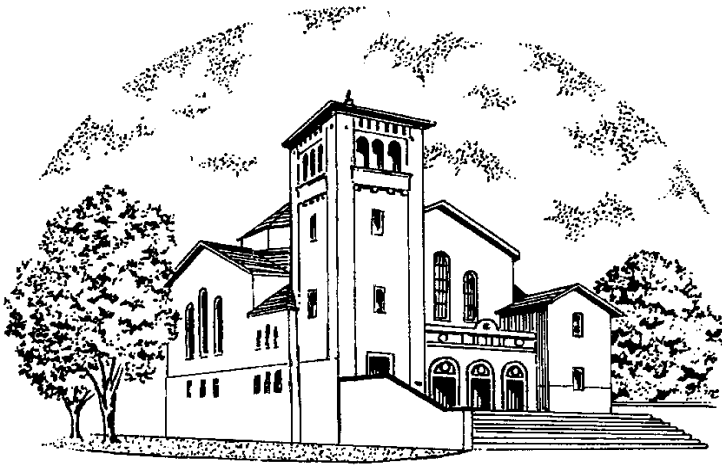
**Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus feet;**

**Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.**

**POSTLUDE**

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