

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

*INTROIT:

*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:

Come, let us praise the living God,
who loved us before we were even born.
Come, let us praise the living God,
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
Come, let us praise the living God,
whose presence never leaves us,
Come, let us praise the living God,
whose love for us never ceases.
This is our God! Let us worship together!

*PRAYER OF APPROACH:

God of unending grace,
Your goodness and mercy is present each day:
in the smiles and laughter of children,
in the refreshing breeze on a summers day,
in the warmth of friends and family,
even in wheat and weeds that grow together.

Open our hearts and minds
to your goodness and mercy all around us,
so that we might be inspired to act in ways
that reflect your love and mercy.
This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**We ask for your forgiveness
when we forget the power that lies within,
and trust instead upon our human strength.
Remind us of that glorious day
when your Spirit
transformed the lives of those who hide in fear,
into people of power.
Renew these hearts which have grown cold
with flames of fire,
as on that Pentecost,
that this might be
the church that you desire. 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

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:

**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: Hope

***HYMN #**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

***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.

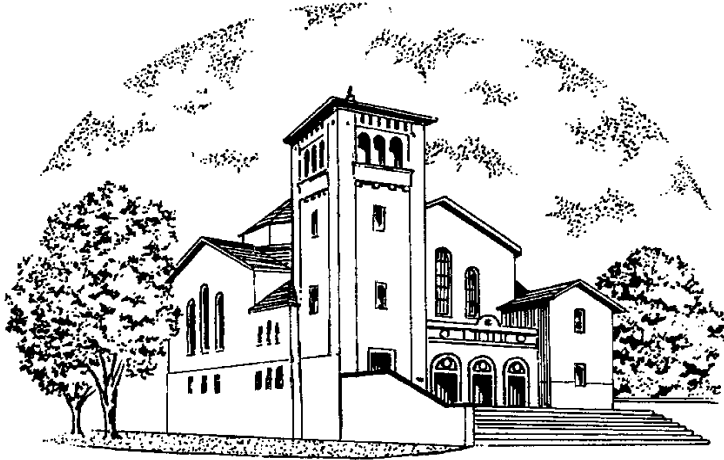
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;

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

POSTLUDE

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