

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

***INTROIT: VU # 541 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low;

Give thanks to God in love made known:

Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

***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:**

God's love is extravagant!

**God pours out God's love as a cleansing lotion
for our weary souls.**

God's love is healing!

God's healing balm soothes and comforts us.

God's love is generous!

**God continually reaches out for us and helps us
throughout all our lives.**

Thanks be to God for such extravagant, healing, generous love.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

O God, Most Holy

We come here today in response to your call.

Touch us with the fire of your Spirit,

That we may once again feel the heat

Of you courage, hope, trust, and faith,

And experience your peace

in all that we do. Amen.

***HYMN # 226: For the Beauty of the Earth**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Merciful God,
when lashed by life's windstorms
we often lash out in return.
Forgive us
when we blame you or others
for our troubles.
Teach us to find you
in the eye of the storm.
Show us the calm center
that comes from a word of peace. 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 # 271: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

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

2 Corinthians 5:6 - 17

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:26 - 34

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

ANTHEM: Walk In Faith, *by J Raney*

Sermon:

***HYMN MV # 135: Called By Earth and Sky** (*SEE INSERT*)

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN # 580: Faith of Our Fathers**

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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