

## **GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*please stand as you are able

### **\*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:**

Be still, and know that God is.

**Before creation began, God was.**

And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

**From everlasting to everlasting,**

**God is God, who alone is worthy to be worshipped.**

Let us sing praise to our God

#### **\*PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Holy God,**

**In this busy world that we inhabit**

**grant us space to rest awhile -**

**by the still waters of your peace,**

**to hear the whisper of your voice**

**and feel the warmth of your breeze**

**within our souls.**

**Grant us space to rest awhile. Amen**

### **\*HYMN # 374: Come and Find the Quiet Centre**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**You call us to follow**

**and our footsteps falter,**

**reach out your hand and we treat you as 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 MV 79: Spirit, Open My Heart**  
**REFRAIN:**

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.**  
**As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,**  
**Spirit, open my heart.**

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. **R**

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. **R**

May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. **R**

### **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**

**1 Samuel 17:32 - 49**

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

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**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Mark 4:35 - 41**

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

**ANTHEM: I'll Fly Away, *J.Raney***

**Sermon:**

**\*HYMN # 563: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore**

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

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

**Sung Refrain: Don't Be Afraid (More Voices 90)**

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,  
my love is stronger than your fear.

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger  
and I have promised, promised to be always near.

**\*HYMN # 686: God of Grace and God of Glory**

**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.

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