

# **GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*please stand as you are able

## **PRELUDE:**

**\*INTROIT # 109 vs. 4: Now Quit Your 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:**

God, Bless to me this day,

**God, bless to me this night.**

Bless, O Bless, Thou God of grace

**Each day and hour of my life;**

God, bless the pathway on which I go,

God, bless the earth that is beneath my sole;

**Bless, O God, and give me Thy Love,**

O God of Gods, bless my rest and my repose;

**Bless O God and give to me Thy Love.**

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

**God to enfold me, God to surround me,**

**God in my speaking, God in my thinking.**

**God in my sufficing, God in my slumber,**

**God in mine ever-living soul,**

**God in mine eternity. Amen.**

## **\*HYMN # 642: Be Thou My Vision**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**O holy Jesus; O Gentle Friend;**

**O Morning Star; O Mid-day Sun adorned.**

**According to the multitude of your mercies, cleanse my iniquity.**

**O holy story-teller, holy scholar,**

**O full of grace, of holy strength,  
O overflowing, loving, silent One,  
O generous and thunderous giver of gifts,  
Forgive. Amen**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Like bees to nectar you draw us to yourself, the sweetness of your love bringing healing, comfort and peace; the power of your love transforming hearts, souls and lives.

**Spirit of love and power,  
touch our lives with sweetness and grace,  
touch our hearts with healing and peace. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**\*HYMN MV #79: Spirit, Open My Heart (see *insert*)**

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

### **OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN: # 641 vs. 2**

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey,  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**God of light and God of night,  
Creator of seed and mountain,  
raindrop and fountain,  
We bring our offering of praise.  
God of right and God of might,  
Lover of child and childless, rich and homeless,  
We bring our offering of praise. Amen**

### **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**

**Jeremiah 31:31 - 34**

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

**ANTHEM:** When You Prayed Beneath the Trees - *By Lloyd Larson*

**Faith Story:** Sunday School

**\*HYMN MV # 18: Lord, Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you

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

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

**SUNG RESPONSE #400: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

**\*HYMN # 586: We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection**

## **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 # 209: Go Make a Difference**

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world. X2

## **POSTLUDE**

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