

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

***INTROIT #109 vs. 3: 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:**

You challenge us to follow you;

not by staying as we are

but by stepping out in faith,

casting our net into deeper water.

You challenge us to trust you

and be prepared for all eventualities,

even when the load is heavy

and we struggle to succeed.

But with your challenge comes blessing.

Flimsy nets are filled,

broken lives made whole.

From emptiness to abundance.

Thank you for your challenge

Grant us courage to follow.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Holy God,

Your light is the only light we need

as we travel through life's mystery,

Your word is that still small voice that leads us

Your presence is the only company we need

as we walk this road of faith,

Your fellowship the warmth we crave,

to help us on our way. Amen

***HYMN MV #12: Come Touch Our Hearts (see insert)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Creator God,
forgive our moments of ingratitude.
Forgive us for taking without giving,
reaping without sowing.
Open our eyes to see,
our lips to praise,
our hands to share.
May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread,
and our footsteps be worthy of following,
for they lead to you. 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 grace, we are made whole;
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN # 117: Jesus Christ Is Waiting**

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.**

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

Exodus 20:1 - 17

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

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John 2:13: - 22

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ANTHEM MV #165: There is a Time - Carolyn McDade

Faith Story: Karen Critch-Chaytor “What a Roller Coaster”

***HYMN # 509: Here I Am Lord**

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 # 599: Living Christ, Bring Us Love**

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 MV #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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