

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:**

God whose love reaches to the highest heavens

how can we keep silent?

God whose righteousness stands like the tallest mountain

how can we keep silent?

God whose justice is deeper than any ocean

how can we keep silent?

God whose grace flows like a never-ending river

how can we keep silent?

How can we not proclaim your majesty

from generation to generation?

God whose love reaches to the highest heavens

we praise your mighty name!

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

When the journey is hard

strength is failing, we lose the path

stumble or fall,

you raise us up

refresh, encourage, give hope.

You enable us to continue on our way,

climb mountains or simply follow

day by day. Amen.

***HYMN # 559: Come O Font of Every Blessing**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God,
you made us in your image,
with a mind to know you,
a heart to love you,
and a will to serve you.
But our knowledge is imperfect,
our love inconstant,
our obedience incomplete.
Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.
In your tender love, forgive. 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 #595: We Are Pilgrims**

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

Acts 1: 1 - 11

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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Luke 24:44 - 53

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

Sermon:

***HYMN # MV 154: Deep in Our Hearts (*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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