

*This week's bulletin is dedicated
in loving memory of brother and uncle from
his sister, Cheryl, Byron, Ellice, and Allannah*

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:**

Like a mountain stream exuberant in it's flow

you carry us into the river of your love,

and transport us gloriously, effortlessly,

to the ocean of your grace.

Let us praise God.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Compassionate God,

the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life

for all who long for you.

One breath from you rescues us from being parched

and breathes joy into us that we might praise you,

and be filled with your holy hope.

**Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit,
so that wholeness and new life may burst into bloom.**

We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

***HYMN # 710: Shall We Gather at the River**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

You have given us a world of beauty,

and we have spoilt it.
A world to feed us,
and so many go hungry.
A world of riches,
and we are unwilling to share.
A world to care for,
and we think only of ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for those times your heart is saddened
by our selfishness.
For those times we have no thought
for others, no cares but ours.
Enable us to see this world anew
as a gift from you,
to be shared and nurtured,
and those who live upon it
to be loved and cared for.
We pray in Jesus' name. 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 # 577: I've Got Peace Like a River**

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:

God of Courage, be in our speaking.
Be also in our listening,
and speak to our souls' deep understanding.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:16 - 21

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

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Acts 16:9 - 15

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

ANTHEM: Down to the River to Pray arr. Yu Hang Tan

Sermon: Down to the River to Pray

***HYMN MV # 98: Like a River of Tears**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN # 675: Will Your Anchor Hold**

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 meet 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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