

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

***INTROIT MV #8: And on This Path**

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide, **x3**
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide!

So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide, **x3**
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide!

***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 #14: Where Two or Three Are Gathered

Where two or three are gathered in my name.
I am there, I am there.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Greetings brothers and sisters in the faith.

We come to celebrate God's presence,
and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,
and the life we are called to live.

We come as a pilgrim people
searching for ways to live out our faith.

We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

God of healing, God of wholeness,
in your presence and power
grant us faith and confidence
that here broken lives
are made whole. Amen.

***HYMN # 236: Now Thank We All Our God**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, we long to rest in you,
to trust in your goodness, in your care for us,
in your abundant life.
But we don't know how to rest
And we have forgotten how to trust:
We seek material goods that we don't really need.
We befriend people not always out of love.
Slow us down, Holy One.
Attend to us, Holy One,
And show us that you are our hope and our resting place. 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 # 578: As a Fire Is Meant for Burning**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN: #537: You Work, O God, Needs Many Hands**
Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make.
Be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus sake.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy Spirit,
Open our hearts to the story of your love.
Open our minds to new ways of knowing you.
Open our doors to who all you would welcome. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 2:1 - 10

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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Mark 13:1 - 8

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: At the River / Wade in the Water, *by J. Raney*

SERMON:

***HYMN #766: As the Deer Pants for the Water (*SEE INSERT*)**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE

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***HYMN #635: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me**

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 #224: May the God of Peace

**May the God of peace and of all good,
may the God of peace and of all good
be always with you.**

Amen! May God’s peace be with you. Amen!

POSTLUDE

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