

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

***INTROIT VU #519: Sing to the Lord of Harvest**

***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:**

The flaming leaves of autumn

are like the fire of God's spirit.

The bounty of the fields

is like the fullness of God's love.

We are surrounded by the beauty of creation.

With thanks and praise in our hearts

let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Creator God,

we come to celebrate the beauty and bounty

of your good earth:

glorious blue skies and blazing fall colours;

fields ripe for harvest;

gardens overflowing with goodness.

Grant us thankful hearts, we pray.

May our prayers and our lives overflow with gratitude.

We offer this worship to your glory, now and always. Amen.

***HYMN VU #516: Come, You Thankful People, Come**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude,

the spiritual blindness that prevents us

from appreciating the wonder that is this world,
the endless cycle of nature,
of life and death and rebirth.
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 mercy, we are made whole;
Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN VU #517: Praise God for the Harvest**

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 whom all you would welcome. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:25 - 33

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Morning Has Broken, *arranged by Evan Smith*

SERMON: “Don’t Worry... Consider the Lilies”

***HYMN VU #227: For the Fruit of All Creation**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
SEE INSERT**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN VU #242: Let All Things Now Loving**

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 VU #224: Sing a Happy Hallelujah vs. 4

Every day sing hallelujah!
We are loved, though so absurd,
Human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word!

Hallelujah, all creation, Hallelujah everyone!
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POSTLUDE

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