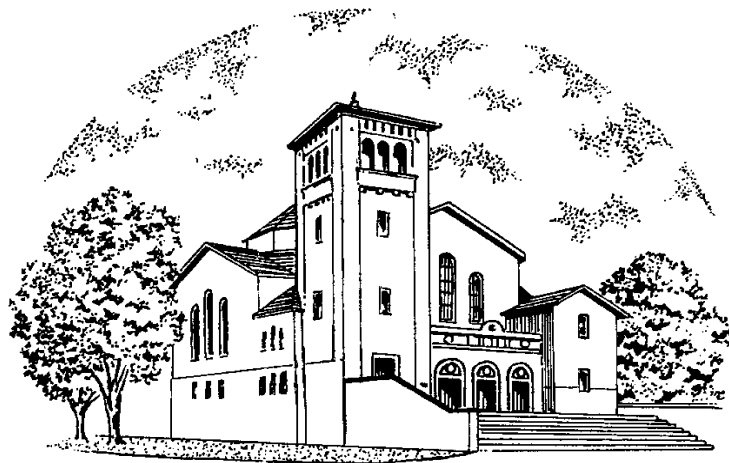


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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*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 #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:

For love that offers refreshment
o all who drink of it,
Light to all who walk in it,
Strength to all who hope in it,
Healing to all who have need of it,
Wholeness to all who live in it,
This is the God we serve,
The God we worship,
The God we proclaim,
This day and all days,
with our words and our lives.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Generous God, for all that sustains us;
Air to breath, warmth and light,
Food to eat, water to drink,
We offer our thanks and praise.
For spiritual gifts that bind us together;
One people, one body
Empowered for service
We offer our hands and voices.
We offer our hearts in service. Amen

HYMN MV #1: Let Us Build a House

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of healing, God of wholeness,
we bring our brokenness,
our sinfulness, our fears and despair,
and lay them at your feet.
We hold out hearts and hands,
minds and souls
to feel your touch,
and know the peace
that only you can bring.
Grant us faith and confidence
that here broken lives
are made whole. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the Good News!
In Jesus we are no longer slaves to fear.
We are dearly loved children of God.
God's Spirit is among us; we shall live!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN # 402: We are One

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY HYMN MV # 182: Grateful

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
Joyful in your spirit flowing overall, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word
Joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Gracious Lord,
in this season of fullness and completion,
we praise you for all living and all dying.
We thank you for that great circle
in which we are united
with all who have gone before us.
Bring us all, good Lord, to the day
when you will free our eyes from tears,
our feet from stumbling,
when we shall walk before you in the land of the living

(By Gabe Huck, Madagascar)

Lord God, gracious and
merciful,

you anointed your beloved Son with the Holy Spirit
at his baptism in the Jordan,
and you consecrated him prophet, priest and king.
Pour out your Spirit on us again
that we may be faithful to our baptismal calling,
ardently desiring the communion
of Christ's body and blood,
and serving the poor of your people
and all who need your love.

(The Lima Liturgy, Peru)

Prayers Blessing God

Creator, Christ and Spirit,
we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus,
who walks with us,
our wisdom and our way.
So it is that we join the hymn of all creation

to proclaim your goodness:

Santo, Santo, Santo! Mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres Dios!
Holy, holy, holy! My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God!
Holy, holy, holy. Hosanna in the highest!
Let all creation praise and pray: Save us, Holy God!

Remembering Christ

Yes Lord, you are the God of all.
Yes Lord, you are the King of all.
Yes Lord, you are the Almighty.
Yes Lord, you are the Governor of all.
Yes Lord, you are the Saviour of all.
Yes Lord, you are the Judge of all.
Yes Lord, you are the Life-giver of all.
Yes Lord, you are the Keeper of all.
Yes Lord, you are the Nourisher of all.

(By Anaphora of St Dioscorus, Antioch, 451 AD)

We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends,
he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it,

he broke it and gave it to them saying:
"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Each time you do this remember me."

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks,
passed it to his friends, saying:
"Drink. This cup poured out for you
is the promise of God, made in my blood
Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Remembering Christ's life and death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
waiting in hope for his coming again
we offer ourselves to you
that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, is risen,
will come again to meet us;
and walks with us the Way of his love.
Holy kingdom, come!

Invocation

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts
that all who share in this loaf and cup
may be the body of Christ:
light, life and love in the world. Amen.

Holy, holy, holy. Amen, we pray, with longing.
Let all creation cry Amen! Holy kingdom, come!

The Lord's Prayer (Sung 960)

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Breaking of the Bread
The bread we which we break
is our sharing in the life of Christ.

Pouring of the Wine
The cup for which we give thanks
is our sharing in the life of Christ.

Prayer After Communion

As the bread which we break
was scattered over the mountains
and when brought together became one,
so let your church be brought together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom;
for yours is the glory and the power
through Jesus Christ for evermore. Amen

(Didache, 100 AD)

using prayers from *With All God's People: The New Ecumenical
Prayer Cycle*)

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Eternal God,
In the reading of scripture, may your Word be heard;
In the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
In the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1 - 7

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM:

SERMON:

HYMN MV # 194: Bread of Life

Bread of life, feed my soul,
As the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart
with the grace and mercy you impart.

have heard your voice calling,
'Come, my friend, and share
in the feast that is laid out for you
to show how much I care.'

Bread of life, help me live

a life as pure and true as Jesus did.

Bread of life, help me see
the boundless love of Christ for you and me.

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GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN # 424 May the God of Hope Go with Us

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Holy God, Dreamer of dreams,
We offer Cochrane Street United Church to you. We are you
people, this is your church. We come to you seeking your
guidance, your purpose, your vision. Align our will with you
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
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 peace be with you. Amen!

POSTLUDE