

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:

You who seek the Lord, come away from the foot of your mountains.

We look to fiery peaks!

Come away from your golden idols and your false gods.

We yearn for real presence!

Come away from your divisions and strife.

We hunger for real peace and unity!

Come away from the past you cannot recreate and the future your
ear may never be.

We long for a now that will always be!

Come into the halls of rejoicing established by your merciful Father in
heaven. Come into the holy of holies and rejoice in your belonging!

We will come and bless God's holy name.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

O Ancient of Days, you called Creation into being and you have
called us to be with you from of old. Fearfully and lovingly you
have knit us together in our mother's womb, calling out to us
and teaching us your song all the while. Now, in humility, we
come to you as we are, waiting to become what you intend for
us. Amen.

HYMN # 245: Praise to the Lord

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, gentle shepherd and gentler lamb, we come
before you humbly. We bring to you our broken lives and our
broken selves wishing that we had more to offer. Redeem us
and our offerings, take that which we offer and bring it into
fullest flower. Fill our hearts and minds with your love and
peace until it overflows and transforms all that we touch and
that we are. Elevate the lowly, bring low the proud, touch us
gently and make us whole and holy as you are holy. 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 # 352: I Danced in the Morning

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

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 32: 1-14
The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22: 1-14
The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

SERMON: When Anger Burns

HYMN # 344: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN # 213: Rejoice the Lord Is King

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 peace be with you. Amen!

POSTLUDE

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