

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

INTROIT: VU 381 Spirit of Life

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:

Love the Lord with all your heart!

We will love the Lord our God with a deep passion!

Love the Lord with all your soul!

**We will love our Redeemer intensely and our very being
will seek to embody Christ's beautiful attitudes!**

Love the Lord with all your mind!

**We will love the Holy Spirit and meditate on her divine
counsel all the days of our lives!**

Love your neighbour as you love your selves!

**We will hold our neighbour close to our side and ensure
that we serve our neighbour and their needs as
attentively as we look to our own.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Breath of God blow within us filling us with your life anew!
Empower and enervate tired bodies and weary spirits with new
strength, purpose and passion that we may follow in your
footsteps whether they lead us into brightly lit highways or dark
and dusty alleys. Wherever you go, give us the strength and
desire to follow. Come within us and make our lives your
temple. Amen.

HYMN MV 176 Three Things I promise

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious and gentle shepherd do not leave us where we have
wandered off on our own, led astray by the magnet pull of this
world until we find ourselves lost and alone. Be our light
shining into the dark places of our hearts and minds to show
the way home. Forgive, O Redeemer, our faults and our
failures. Lord, have mercy upon us and make us 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 VU 387 Loving Spirit

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 Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

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

PSALM 90 VU 805

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22: 34-46

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

ANTHEM: The Lord's Prayer

SERMON: Agape

HYMN VU # 581 When Are We Living

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN VU # 333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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

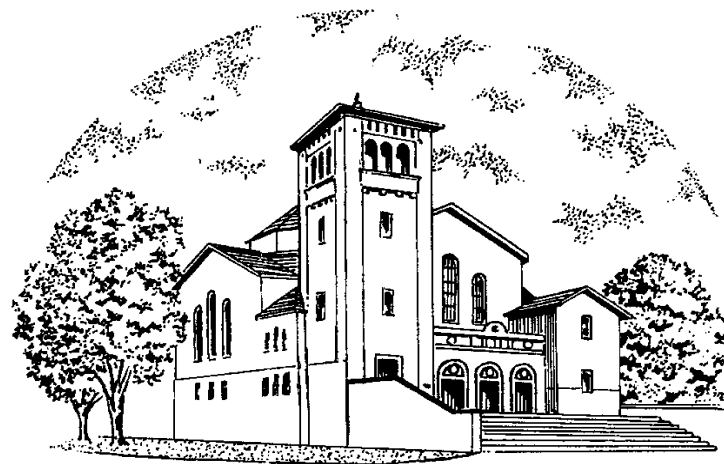
SUNG BENEDICTION: MV #224: May the God of Peace

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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