

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

***INTROIT: Lord Prepare Me #18MV**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;

with thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you.

***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: SPIRIT OF LIFE #381VU**

Spirit of life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

**Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand,
giving life the shape of justice.**

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of life come to me, come to me.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

In sacred times of word, wonder, and awe,
in ordinary days of work and play:

in every moment, God is with us.

Whether we are stuck in doubt's mud,
or standing on faith's shoreline:

in every place, God is with us.

In those who teach us and those who trouble us;
in those who surprise us, and those who forgive us:

in every person, God is with us.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

God, you touch our lives
with mystery and hope.

We come to this place today,
ready to see your power working through us.

Help us to be open to your Word,
and to answer your call among us.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

***HYMN: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING #217VU**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of justice and righteousness,
your call beckons to us:
to live faithful lives,
to walk in your ways;
yet it is so easy to turn aside:
to speak a thoughtless word,
to ignore those in need,
to strike out in anger,
to forget your ways.
Forgive us.
Implant your word in our hearts.
By the power of your love,
save our souls,
that we might faithfully serve you. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

No matter where we are, God is there.
No matter what we have done or have not done, God forgives.
No matter what, God will always love us.
God is full of unconditional and unending love.
We are a forgiven and loved people.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN: YOUR LOVE IS AMAZING**

#26MV

- 1&3 Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging,
your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.
Your love is a mystery, how you gently lift me.
When I am surrounded your love carries me.
- Chorus: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing. Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing.
2. Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising,
All that joy that's growing deep inside of me.
Ev'ry time I see you all your goodness shines through.
I can feel this God song rising up in me.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN: THIS DAY GOD GIVES ME (vs. 4) #410VU**

Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,
King of Creation, giver of rest,
Firmly confessing Threeness of Persons,

Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.

***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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: EXODUS 12:1 - 14

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 18:15 - 20

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

SERMON:

***HYMN: MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN: HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION**

#660VU

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 BLESSING: MAY GOD'S SHELTERING WINGS #214MV

May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.

**May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.**

POSTLUDE

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