

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 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:

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.

We come to celebrate God's presence,
and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,
and the life we are called to live.

We come as a pilgrim people
searching for ways to live out our faith.

We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

We draw near to you, O God,
Source of all understanding,
and ask you to draw near to us.

Teach us your wisdom from above,
that we may bear good fruit in our lives.

Root us beside the streams of your wisdom,
that the green leaves of our goodness,
fed by your insight,
may not wither. Amen.

***HYMN # 271: There's a Wideness**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God of mystery,
we confess that, more than deep questions,
we love easy answers;
explaining away miracles, disarming the Good News,
we domesticate your wild ways.
Teach us to love our questions, O God.
Teach us to struggle with faith.
Teach us to live with your holy mysteries.

Silent Confession

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 see insert

***HYMN: I Come the Garden Alone**

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 14:19 - 31

READER: Catherine French

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

SOLO:

Special Music - Evan Smith

SERMON:

***HYMN # 618: God When I Stand**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN # 422: God Be With You**

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,

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be always with you.

Amen! May God peace be with you. Amen!

POSTLUDE

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