GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

'RELUDE:

INTROIT: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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:

Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

3od's ways are just and merciful.

Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

n all that they do, they prosper.

Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Mighty God.

o you belong the mysteries of the universe.

fou transform shepherds into kings,

he smallest seeds into magnificent trees,

and hardened hearts into loving ones.

3less us with your life-giving Spirit,

e-create us in your image,

and shape us to your purposes,

hrough Jesus Christ. Amen

HYMN # 224: For the Beauty of the Earth

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

loly God, you call us to live in mystery, o walk by faith.

fet we long for plans with goals and schedules.

t's hard to live by faith.

fou call us to place our trust in you, o live according to your direction. fet we want life to make sense rom a human point of view. t's hard to live by faith. fou call us to feel the mystery of life, o marvel at the power of your love. fet it's not easy to accept your promise hat everything old has passed away. t's hard to live by faith. Forgive us, holy maker of reality. Forgive us for playing god

nstead of accepting our humanity. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the Good News! In Jesus we are no longer slaves to fear. We are dearly loved children of God. 3od's Spirit is among us; we shall live! Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN MV # 145: Draw the Circle Wide

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.

n the reading of scripture, may your Word be heard; n the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; n the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Ar

3CRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:2 - 1!

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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3CRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1 - 16

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

ANTHEM: How Great Thou Art

SERMON:

HYMN MV # 154: Deep in my Heart

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN # 274: Your Hand O God Has Guided

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 juidance, your purpose, your vision. Align our will with yours, so that we will be willing to do whatever it takes to carry out rour plan. We ask you to break through in new ways in our thurch. Show us the great ministry you have in store for us. Telp 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

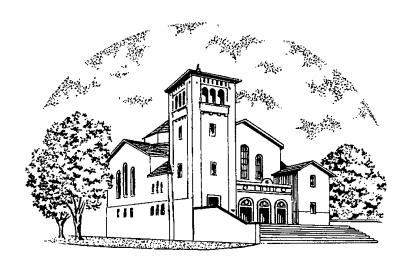
3UNG BENEDICTION: MV #224: May the God of Peace

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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