

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

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.

God's ways are just and merciful.

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

In 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,

so you belong the mysteries of the universe.

You transform shepherds into kings,

the smallest seeds into magnificent trees,

and hardened hearts into loving ones.

Bless us with your life-giving Spirit,

re-create us in your image,

and shape us to your purposes,

through Jesus Christ. Amen

HYMN # 224: For the Beauty of the Earth

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy God, you call us to live in mystery,

so we walk by faith.

Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules.

It's hard to live by faith.

You call us to place our trust in you,

so we live according to your direction.

Yet we want life to make sense

from a human point of view.

It's hard to live by faith.

You call us to feel the mystery of life,

so we marvel at the power of your love.

Yet it's not easy to accept your promise

that everything old has passed away.

It's hard to live by faith.

Forgive us, holy maker of reality.

Forgive us for playing god

instead 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.

God'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,

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 16:2 - 14

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE 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
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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