

# **GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*please stand as you are able

## **PRELUDE:**

**\*INTROIT #109 vs. 1: Now Quit Your Care**

## **\*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 #21: Open Our Hearts**

Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you O loving God.  
Open our hearts.

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

God invites us to journey in the way of faithfulness,  
**to walk the Lenten road with Christ.**

We journey with confidence, for Christ is with us.  
**Thanks be to God, for God's steadfast love.**

## **\*PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Good Shepherd,  
guide us when the way is uncertain  
and the path overgrown, back onto higher ground  
from where we might see,  
behind us, the place from which  
you have patiently brought us,  
and ahead of us once more glimpse your footsteps  
leading forward, into which we will try and place our own.  
Amen.

## **\*HYMN # 112: O God, How We Have Wandered**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Forgive those things we have done  
which have caused you sadness,  
and those things we should have done  
that would have brought you joy.

**In both we have failed ourselves, and you.  
Bring us back to that place  
where our journey began,  
when we said that we would follow  
the way that you first trod.  
Lead us to the Cross and meet us there. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts,  
God knows us better than we know ourselves,  
and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.  
By God's mercy, we are forgiven;  
by God's mercy, we are made whole;  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**\*HYMN # 114: Forty Days and Forty Nights**

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

### **OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN MV # 191: What Can I Do?**

What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love.  
I'll do my share.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER #641 vs. 2**

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as I journey,  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection on you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

### **GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

**Holy God,  
You speak to us in many ways,  
through rushing wind or still small voice,  
in Scripture's Word and through your Grace.**

**Help us hear your voice above the clamour of this world,  
recognize the difference and follow only you. Amen**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Mark 1:9 - 15**

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

**ANTHEM: Shepherd Me, O God - Marty Haugen**

**Faith Story: Oliver Dingwell**

**\*HYMN # 256: O God beyond All Praising**

**SACRAMANET OF HOLY COMMUNION  
(SEE INSERT)**

**GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE**

**\*HYMN # 120: O Jesus I Have Promised**

**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 # 209: Go Make a Difference**

**Go make a difference. We can make a difference.**

**Go make a difference in the world. X2**

**POSTLUDE**

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