

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

***INTROIT:**

***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 #82: A Light Is Gleaming

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night,
living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright,
living in the light.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

For the joy of your presence
Changing and renewing us day by day,

We offer you our praise.

For the blessing you bring us,
The outpouring of your love day by day,

We offer you our praise.

For peace beyond understanding,
Blessed assurance day by day

We offer you our praise.

For the Word that endures,
Teaches and challenges, generation to generation,

We offer you our praise.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Holy God,

In the ordinary moments of our lives,
when thoughts, distractions and busyness might keep us apart,
Open our hearts to let you in.

When you stand before us
as angel or stranger,
and whisper softly to our soul,
open our hearts to let you in. Amen.

***HYMN # 242: Let All Things Now Living**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Let us be still before the Lord

Rest quietly in God's presence

Silence

**Let us bring before God
the words that may have hurt
and all those left unsaid;
the anger we have felt
and resentment we have fed.**

Let us be still before God

Rest quietly in God's presence

Silence

**The Lord is slow to anger; willing to forgive
and full of Grace.**

Draw near to God.

rest quietly in God's presence. 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 MV #154: Deep In Our Hearts (see insert)**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN # 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**

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

Deuteronomy 18:15 - 20

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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Mark 1:21 -28

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

SERMON:

***HYMN # 614: In Suffering Love**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN # 625: I Feel The Winds of God Today**

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

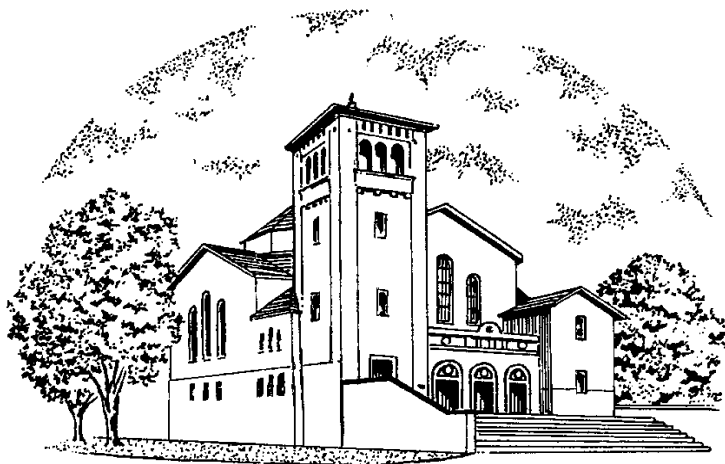
SUNG BENEDICTION # 961:

Let Us, O God, depart in peace,
who in your name are gathered here.
Disclose the brightness of your face, and be forever near.

POSTLUDE

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