GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

*INTROIT VU #87: I am the Light of the World

CHORUS I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery

of what you were meant to do and be.

*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 #18 - Lord, Prepare Me To Be a Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. **2**X

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

We are a chosen people

A family people

Chosen for love and to share love

Chosen for joy and to spread joy

Chosen for friendship and for befriending

Chosen for blessing and to bless

Chosen for fruitfulness

Chosen for harvest

We are a chosen people

A family people

Your family

Our family

*PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Holy God,

We will not stumble

for your hand will guide

and in your footsteps we will follow.

We will not grow weary

for your spirit sustains

and we shall be renewed.

From the depths of the earth

We shall soar upward on wings like eagles, spread the news throughout the world, run the race against all odds, and shall prevail. Amen.

*HYMN #229: God of the Sparrow

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet.

God of healing,
God of wholeness,
we hold out hearts and hands,
minds and souls
to feel your touch,
grant us faith and confidence
that here broken lives
are made whole. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

In Christ, God says to us, "Arise, shine, for your light is come." In Christ, God says to us, "Love one another as I have loved you." In Christ, God says to us, "Your sins are forgiven you."

Thanks be to God for love and hope!

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN #575: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY & PRAYER

*OFFERTORY HYMN MV 182: Grateful

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son, joyful in your Spriit flowing over all, O God of Love. Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word, joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy Spirit,

Open our hearts to the story of your love.

Open our minds to new ways of knowing you.

Open our doors to whom all you would welcome. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 62:1 - 5

Reader: Sandra Stavlo

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 29 Page 756

Reader: Ebonee Hicks

SCRIPTURE READING John 2:1 - 11

The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Be Still, by David Evans

SERMON:

*HYMN #567: Will You Come and Follow Me

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (page 921)

*HYMN #512: Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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.

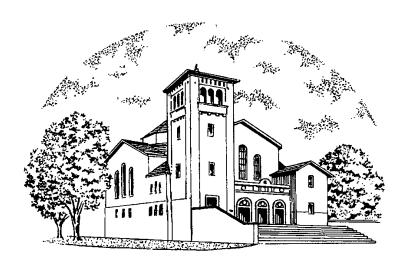
COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION MV #220: Hope Shines as the Solitary Star Hope shines as the solitary star, faith is the inner light. You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,

You and I together mirror the Light of Lights, and illumine the pathway home.

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