

# 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. **2X**

### \*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 Spirit 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,  
and illumine the pathway home.

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