

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 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:

Behold, God is doing a new thing.

Here. Now.

In the midst of daily life.

The Holy One who created heaven and earth

forms us afresh today.

Let our spirits rise to greet our Maker.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Our God, as a gentle rain soaks the earth,

may your peace and love fall upon us,

bringing growth and life.

Soak into our innermost being.

Quiet all that makes us anxious.

Help us to linger in your presence,

and send us out refreshed, to carry your peace to others. Amen.

***HYMN # 412: This Is the Day**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

You call us to follow

and our footsteps falter,

reach out your hand

and we treat you as stranger,

whisper our name

and we simply ignore you.

Gracious God,

slow to anger,

**swift to bless,
forgive us,
restore us.**

**Grant us hearts that stand firm,
a faith that is strong
and a hope that endures. 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 # 161: I Have Called Your By Name**

I have called you by your name, you are mine;

I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.

I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.

You are gifted, called, and chosen, you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;

read it written in my people, help them grow.

Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,

offer Jesus body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;

feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.

Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,

hold the hem of Jesus robe, then let it go.

I have you given you a name, it is mine.

I have given you my Spirit as a sign.

With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;

go and tell my precious people they are mine.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Joshua 24:1 – 3, 14 - 25

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:1 - 13

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

ANTHEM:

SERMON:

***HYMN # 427: To Show by Touch and Word**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN # 626: I Heard the Voice of Jesus**

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,

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be always with you. Amen!

May God peace be with you. Amen!

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