

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:

Stir up the wills of your people, O God.

Move us into new ways of living.

Stir up the minds of your people, O God.

Move us into deeper ways of thinking.

Stir up the hearts of your people, O God.

Move us into fuller ways of loving.

Stir us thoroughly, O God.

Let us worship you afresh.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

God of healing, God of wholeness,

in your presence and power

grant us faith and confidence

that here broken lives

are made whole. Amen.

HYMN # 223: Eternal, Unchanging

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Ever present One,

you call us to be your presence,

your body in this world,

but too often we get caught up

in being a hand or a foot,

and lose sight of the overarching mission

you set before us.

We fracture into pieces.

We go our separate ways,

forgetting we need each other to be whole.

Help us see with new eyes,

and hear with the ears of our heart,

to be and do all you call us to be and do.

O God of liberation and justice,

help us be faithful witnesses

to your law of love and unity. 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: Called by Earth and Sky

Refrain:

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

This is our sacred living trust,

Treasure of life sanctified, called by earth and sky.

Precious these waters, endless seas,

Deep ocean's dream, waters of healing,

Givers of rain, the wash of love again. **R**

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;

Wind born and free. Breath of the Spirit,

Flow through this place, our gathering and our grace. **R**

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;

Vast fragile land. Seeds of our wakening,

Rooted and strong, Creations faithful song. **R**

Precious the fire that lights our way,

Bright dawning day. Fire of passion,

Sorrows undone, our faith and justice one. **R**

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

Judges 4:1 - 7

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14 – 30

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

SERMON:

Rev. David Guzzwell

HYMN # 563: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

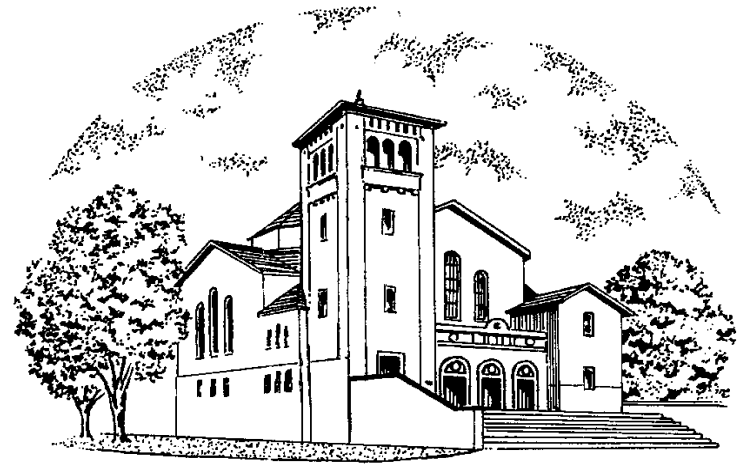
COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: MV #224: May the God of Peace

May the God of peace and of all good,
may the God of peace and of all good
be always with you. Amen!
May God's peace be with you. Amen!

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