

# Cochrane Street United Church

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## **GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*please stand as you are able

**\*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 # 950:**

Stay with me, remain here with me,  
Watch and pray, watch and pray.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

You challenge us to follow you;

**not by staying as we are  
but by stepping out in faith,  
casting our net into deeper water.**

You challenge us to trust you  
**and be prepared for all eventualities,  
even when the load is heavy  
and we struggle to succeed.**

But with your challenge comes blessing.

**Flimsy nets are filled,  
broken lives made whole.**

From emptiness to abundance.

**Thank you for your challenge  
Grant us courage to follow.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Holy God,**

**Your light is the only light we need  
as we travel through life's mystery,**

**Your word is that still small voice that leads us**

**Your presence is the only company we need  
as we walk this road of faith,**

**Your fellowship the warmth we crave,  
to help us on our way. Amen**

**\*HYMN 116: Giver of the Perfect Gift**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Creator God,  
forgive our moments of ingratitude.  
Forgive us for taking without giving,  
reaping without sowing.  
Open our eyes to see,  
our lips to praise, our hands to share.  
May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread,  
and our footsteps be worthy of following,  
for they lead to you.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**God is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
God has compassion for our fears and failures;  
God stays with us on our Lenten journey. We are a forgiven people.  
Thanks be to God!**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN #701**

**What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*HYMN # 121: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery**

**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**

1 Kings 19:11 - 13

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

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** 46 page 770

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 17:1 - 11

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

**ANTHEM:**

**FAITH STORY: David Peters**

**\*HYMN # 410: Morning Has Broken**

**GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**The Lord's Prayer: Matthew 6 as translated in *The Message***

**Our Father in heaven,**

**Reveal who you are.**

**Set the world right;**

**Do what's best—**

**as above, so below.**

**Keep us alive with three square meals.**

**Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.**

**Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.**

**You're in charge!**

**You can do anything you want!**

**You're ablaze in beauty!**

**Yes. Yes. Yes. Amen**

**\*HYMN MV 176: Three Things I Promise**

1. Three things I promise, Holy God,  
in age and youth, in life and death:  
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,  
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

2 Your love unfolded time and space,

and life, and all that life became,  
and so, with thankful hearts and voice,  
through good and ill, I bless your name.

- 3 I follow, serve, and cling to Christ  
amid our culture's tides and trends,  
for here your Name is most revealed:  
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.
- 4 Enlivened as the Spirit moves  
to cleanse awaken and renew,  
I pray that justice, peace, and truth,  
may seed and grow in all I do.
- 5 If I should live when vigor fades,  
and family and friends are gone,  
three acts of loving faith remain  
when days are slow, and work is done.
- 6 Revive and guide me, Living God,  
as day by day, until my death,  
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,  
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

### **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**

#### **CHORAL BENEDICTION:**

#### **POSTLUDE**