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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

***INTROIT:** Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery Martyr Haugen

***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:

Like empty jars, we have come to be filled

Like candles, we have come to be set ablaze.

Like aged wine in a cask, we have come to be poured out.

Like weary travelers, we have come to find rest.

Hear the word of god and make your reply:

My heart has heard you say,

"Come and talk with me, O my people."

And my heart responds,

"God, I am coming."

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Living God,

in this sacred time

make us wise to believe

that you, who created the universe

and still govern its destiny,

can create in us new hearts

and govern our daily lives;

that you welcome not only

our praise and thanksgiving,

but also our anger and doubt,

our passions and brokenness.

Receive all our worship this day,
for we offer it in spirit and truth,
through Jesus our Redeemer. Amen

***HYMN #389: God Is Here**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Loving God,

when we wander to distant places,
you watch the road to greet us
when we finally come home.

Whenever we are far from you,
remind us that we are your beloved children,
the longing of your heart,
and give us the strength and courage
to return to your open arms.

When we have sinned against heaven and before you,
forgive us, for we are coming home! Amen.

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 # 117: Jesus Christ Is Waiting**

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

Jeremiah 29:4 - 13

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:20 - 25

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

ANTHEM:

The Lord's Prayer Jason

Kyle Saetveit

FAITH STORY: Stephen Jewczyk

***HYMN #229: For the Beauty of the Earth**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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***HYMN MV #112: O God How We Have Wandered**

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:

When We Are Tempted

J. Moyer

POSTLUDE