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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

***INTROIT:** How Good, Lord, to Be Here! Charles Lockhart

***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 # 951: Santo, Santo, Santo

Santo, Santo, Santo! Mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres Dios!

Holy, holy, holy! My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God

CALL TO WORSHIP:

O God, you call us out of our ordinary lives;
to see your glory.

You call us to reach beyond the known
to hear the wonder of your word.

You call us to worship together
to touch your grace.

Come let us worship
worship the God of glory, wonder and grace.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Ever-present God,
this day enfolds us and surrounds us:
be in our speaking and in our thinking;
be in our life and on our lips;
be in our hearts and in our souls,
today and forever. Amen.

***HYMN # 217: All Creatures of our God and King**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of Transfiguration,

**you meet us in the ordinary
as well as the extraordinary moments of life.
We seek you in the valleys
and on the mountaintops.
Yet we admit
that too often our eyes are blind to your presence,
too often our ears are deaf to your call.
When you reach out to us
through the cries of the hungry and homeless,
too often our hearts shrink from your touch.
Forgive us, we pray
and set us free to love and serve you. 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

**Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu Hallelujah
Praise Ye the Lord!
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu Hallelujah
Praise Ye the Lord!
Praise Ye the Lord! Hallelujah
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Praise Ye the Lord**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN #218 vs. 1**

**We Praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we bring.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***HYMN # 104: We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding**

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

Exodus 24: 12 - 18

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1 - 9

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

The Lord's My Sheperd

Jessie Seymour Irvine

SERMON:

***HYMN # 102: Jesus on the Mountain Peak**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN # 559: Come O Font of Every Blessing**

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:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

W. M. Runyan

POSTLUDE