

# Cochrane Street United Church

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

\*please stand as you are able

### **PRELUDE:**

**\*INTROIT:** Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face J. Langran

### **\*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:**

Bless our feet

**that they might tread the path prepared.**

Bless our hands

**that they might show your love's embrace.**

Bless our words

**that they might share your grace and peace.**

### **PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Guiding God,**

**be with us in our going out and coming home,**

**in our journeying and returning,**

**in our decision making and organizing.**

**Guarding God,**

**be with us through the calm**

**and through the storm,**

**be our comfort when we're hurting,**

**be our helper when we're falling.**

**Gracious God,**

**walk with us every moment  
of this new day. Amen.**

**\*HYMN # 672: Take Time to Be Holy**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**O God, we long to rest in you,  
to trust in your goodness, in your care for us,  
in your abundant life.**

**But we don't know how to rest**

**And we have forgotten how to trust:**

**We seek material goods that we don't really need.**

**We befriend people not always out of love.**

**Slow us down, Holy One.**

**Attend to us, Holy One,**

**And show us that you are our salvation and our resting place. 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**

**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 # 87: I Am the Light of the World**

**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**

**Isaiah 58: 1 – 9**

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Matthew 5:13 - 20**

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

**ANTHEM:**

Bread of Life, Feed My Soul

arr. Rick Gunn

**SERMON:**

**\*HYMN # 462: Before I Take the Body of My Lord**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE INVITATION:**

In the name of the One who said,

“I am the bread of life,”

I invite you to come and eat.

In the name of the One who said,

“I am the true vine,”

I invite you to come and drink.

In the name of the One who said,

“Love one another as I have loved you,”

I invite you to the table of Jesus Christ.

This is the table of the risen Christ

**In this feast gleams the promise of the earth  
and glory of all creation.**

In this feast comes the Christ

Saviour and Friend to all.

**THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love.  
You guide the sun, cradle the moon, and toss the stars.  
At your word the earth was made  
and spun on its course among the planets.  
You breathe life into us  
and set us among all your creatures,  
in a covenant of love and service.  
Even when we turn away from you, you do not forsake us.  
You send your prophets to proclaim your justice,  
to remind us of your promise of peace,  
and to call us back to you.  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit,  
we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus,  
who walks with us, our Wisdom and our Way,  
sharing our joy and sorrow,  
healing the sick,  
feeding the hungry,  
and setting the captive free.

So it is that we join the song of all creation to  
proclaim your goodness:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Mighty and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth  
we recognize the fullness of your grace:  
light, life, and love, revealed  
in words that confront and comfort us,  
in teachings that challenge and change us,  
in compassion that heals and frees us.  
And now we gather at this table to remember  
and to be filled with such longing for your realm,  
that we may rise together  
to turn our worship into witness

and to follow in your way.

We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends,  
he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it,  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Each time you do this, remember me.”

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks,  
passed it to his friends, saying:

“Drink. This cup that is poured out for you  
is the promise of God, made in my blood.

Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace,  
remembering Christ’s life and death,  
proclaiming his resurrection,  
waiting in hope for his coming again.

Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving,  
we may so offer ourselves to you

that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,  
that all who share in this loaf and cup  
may be the body of Christ:

light, life, and love in the world.

In this hope and as your people, we praise you.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, God most holy,  
now and forever.

Amen.

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Breaking of the Bread and Filling the Cup

The bread we break

**is our sharing in the life of Christ.**

The cup for which we give thanks  
is our communion in the blood of Christ.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

We give you thanks, Almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us at your table  
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.  
Strengthen our faith,  
increase our love for one another,  
and send us forth into the world  
united in courage and peace,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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

**\*HYMN # 679: Let There Be Light**

**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:** For the Bread V.E. Copes

**POSTLUDE**