

Cochrane Street United Church

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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 # 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:

You challenge us to follow you;
not by staying as we are
but by stepping out in faith,
casting our net into deeper water
as with Simon Peter, fisherman.

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:

Generous God, for all that sustains us;
air to breath, warmth and light,
food to eat, water to drink,

**we offer our thanks and praise.
For spiritual gifts that bind us together;
one people, one body
empowered for service
we offer our hands and voices.
For the Good News of the Gospel;
healing and wholeness
freedom and justice
we offer our hearts in service. Amen**

***HYMN # 223: Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Forgive us, Lord
when we are struggling with life,
searching for answers in vain,
relying on our own strength and failing again.
Remind us, Lord
that you are the strength
upon whom we can call,
the power to endure,
the answer that we seek,
the one in whose arms we can safely fall.
Forgive us, Lord when we forget. 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 # 684: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

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 9:1 - 4

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12 -23

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Watch Once More the Windswept Storm Clouds N.Weisensel

SERMON:

***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

CHORAL BENEDICTION: May the Blessing of God Be upon You W. Wright

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

Whether you are here for the first time, or this is your church home – welcome to our community of faith. Following worship there is a time of fellowship.

Your host(s) this week: Joyce Grimes and Linda Facey

We are looking for volunteers for tea after church. For more information email the church office or contact Laura Baker.

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ERING TEAM FOR APRIL

Keith Bowden, Eldred Butt, David Boone, Harold Grandy,
and John Bowden

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET

Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice
11:00 AM Worship, Sunday School and Fellowship Time
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice – new members welcome
Friday: 2:00 – 4:30 P.M. Bridge, St. Thomas' Anglican Church

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