

Cochrane Street United Church

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able
Guest Preacher: Oliver Dingwell

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: Spirit of Life

#381VU

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close, wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Through the star in the sky,
we see our world in a new light.

Open our eyes to see your light, O God.

At the Jordan River,
we hear God calling us by name, as beloved,

Open our ears to hear your call, O God.

In the waters of Baptism,
God's grace is abundant and overflowing.

Open our hearts to receive your grace, O God.

In this time of worship,
may we be called by the light of the star, the spirit of God,
and the waters of new life.

Open our lives to your call as we worship, O God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Ever-present Spirit,
who descended as a dove at the Jordan River:
descend upon us as we gather for worship today.

**Anoint us with your love and claim us as beloved
so that we may fill our unloving world with loving kindness.
This we pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***HYMN: SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE #101VU**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN #218VU 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 sing.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***HYMN: I HAVE CALLED YOU BY YOUR NAME #161MV**

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body, given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold them hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make your wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

