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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

***INTROIT: Come, Oh Fount of Every Blessing John Wyeth**

***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 #381: Spirit of life

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:

God's love is extravagant!

**God pours out God's love as a cleansing lotion
for our weary souls.**

God's love is healing!

God's healing balm soothes and comforts us.

God's love is generous!

**God continually reaches out for us and helps us
throughout all our lives.**

Thanks be to God for such extravagant, healing, generous love.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

O God, Most Holy

We come here today in response to your call.

Touch us with the fire of your Spirit,

That we may once again feel the heat

Of your courage, hope, trust, and faith,

And experience your peace

in all that we do. Amen.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God,
when lashed by life's windstorms
we often lash out in return.
Forgive us
when we blame you or others
for our troubles.
Teach us to find you
in the eye of the storm.
Show us the calm center
that comes from a word of peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the Good News!
In Jesus we are no longer slaves to fear.
We are dearly loved children of God.
God's Spirit is among us; we shall live!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN MV #26: Your Love Is Amazing**

Your love is amazing
Steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain
Firm beneath my feet
Your love is a mystery
How you gently lift me
When I am surrounded
Your love carries me

Chorus:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah
Your love makes me sing

Your love is surprising
I can feel it rising

Oh the joy that's glowing
Deep inside of me
Everytime I see you
All your goodness shines through
I can feel this God song
Rising up in me

Chorus:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah
Your love makes me sing

Your love is amazing
Steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain
Firm beneath my feet
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How you gently lift me
When I am surrounded
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Chorus:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN #389: God is Here vs. 4**

**God of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the Gospel, help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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 19:2 - 8

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:1 – 23

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

Bathe Me in Your Light

Ron Klusmeier

SERMON:

***HYMN # 644: I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN # 580: Faith of our Fathers**

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

SUNG BENEDICTION: MV #214: May God's Sheltering Wings

May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.

**May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love**

POSTLUDE