

# Cochrane Street United Church

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

\*please stand as you are able

### **PRELUDE:**

**\*INTROIT:** As the Sun with Longer Journey

J.P. Earls

### **\*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 # 950:**

Stay with me, remain here with me,  
Watch and pray, watch and pray.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Come, faithful people, and find that quiet centre  
where God may enter in.

**We gather as God's people:  
hungry for holy presence,  
ready for God's Word to us.**

Let us worship God.

### **PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**God of Sarah and Abraham, God of us all:  
you have called people throughout the ages  
to journey in faithfulness.**

**Give to us a sense of anticipation through this Lenten season,  
that we may move  
with confidence and hope  
toward the new life of Easter.**

**We pray in Jesus' name,  
our Companion and Guide. Amen.**

**\*HYMN # 109: Now Quit Your Care**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**God, you have called us to be pilgrims.**

**Forgive us when we weary of the journey  
and seek security  
rather than the open road.  
Forgive us when we feel  
the risk of the journey is too great.  
Grant us pilgrim spirits in this Lenten season  
and lead us to the new life of Easter. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

God is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
God has compassion for our fears and failures;  
God stays with us on our Lenten journey.  
We are a forgiven people.

**Thanks be to God!**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN #701**

What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*HYMN # 120: O Jesus, I have Promised**

**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**

1 Samuel 3:1 – 10

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

**RESPONSIVE PSALM 63 page 781**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 11: 1 - 13

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

**ANTHEM:** The Lord's Prayer

J. Sutton

**FAITH STORY: David Peters**

**\*HYMN #409: Morning Has Broken**

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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**\*HYMN # 112: O God How We Have Wandered**

**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:** To The Dessert Jesus Came

Linnea Good

**POSTLUDE**