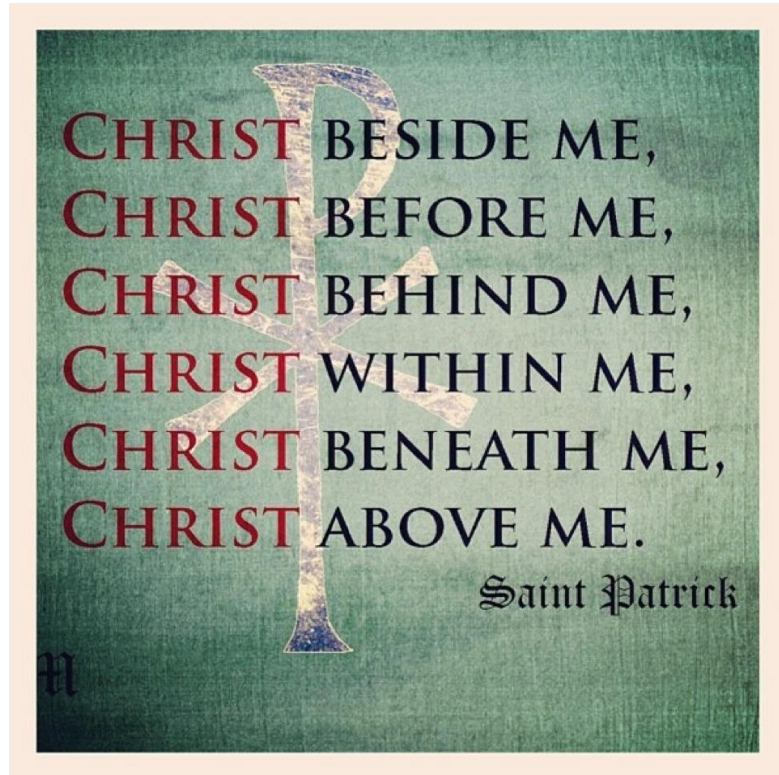


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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

***INTROIT:** Up From the Depths I Cry to God

David Iliff

***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:

God, Bless to me this day,

God, bless to me this night.

Bless, O Bless, Thou God of grace

Each day and hour of my life;

God, bless the pathway on which I go,

God, bless the earth that is beneath my sole;

Bless, O God, and give me Thy Love,

O God of Gods, bless my rest and my repose;

Bless O God and give to me Thy Love.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

God to enfold me, God to surround me,

God in my speaking, God in my thinking.

God in my sufficing, God in my slumber,

God in mine ever-living soul,

God in mine eternity. Amen.

***HYMN # 642: Be Thou My Vision**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O holy Jesu; O Gentle Friend;

O Morning Star; O Mid-day Sun adorned.

According to the multitude of your mercies, cleanse my iniquity.

**O holy story-teller, holy scholar,
O full of grace, of holy strength,
O overflowing, loving, silent One,
O generous and thunderous giver of gifts,
Forgive. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Like bees to nectar you draw us to yourself, the sweetness of your love bringing healing, comfort and peace; the power of your love transforming hearts, souls and lives.

**Spirit of love and power, touch our lives with sweetness and grace,
touch our hearts with healing and peace. Amen.**

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**

God of light and God of night,

Creator of seed and mountain,

raindrop and fountain,

We bring our offering of praise.

God of right and God of might,

Lover of child and childless, rich and homeless,

We bring our offering of praise. Amen

***HYMN MV #79: Spirit Open My Heart**

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.**

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11: 1 - 13

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

ANTHEM: The Lord’s Prayer J. Sutton

FAITH STORY: Cheryl Briggs

***HYMN # 664: What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE

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***HYMN # 586: We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection**

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

**Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the infinite peace to you.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION: Christ Be with Me C. V. Strandford

POSTLUDE