

# Cochrane Street United Church

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

\*please stand as you are able

### **PRELUDE:**

**\*INTROIT:** Spirit of the Living God Daniel Iverson

### **\*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, comet to me.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Be still, and know that God is.

**Before creation began, God was.**

And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

**From everlasting to everlasting,**

**God is God, who alone is worthy to be worshipped.**

Let us sing praise to our God

### **PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Mighty God,**

**to you belong the mysteries of the universe.**

**You transform shepherds into kings,**

**the smallest seeds into magnificent trees,**

**and hardened hearts into loving ones.**

**Bless us with your life-giving Spirit,**

**re-create us in your image,**

**and shape us to your purposes,**

**through Jesus Christ. Amen**

**\*HYMN # 374: Come and Find the Quiet Centre**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Holy God, you call us to live in mystery,  
to walk by faith.

Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules.

It's hard to live by faith.

You call us to feel the mystery of life,  
to marvel at the power of your love.

Yet it's not easy to accept your promise  
that everything old has passed away.

It's hard to live by faith.

Forgive us, holy maker of reality.

Forgive us for playing god  
instead of accepting our humanity. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

The stone is rolled away—we are released!

The tomb is empty – we can be free!

Christ is risen!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**\*HYMN # 226: For the Beauty of the Earth**

## **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**

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

**Acts 17:22 - 31**

## **PSALM 66 page 784**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**John 14:15 – 21**

## **ANTHEM:**

There Is a Time

Carolyn McDade

## **SERMON:**

**\*HYMN # MV 154: Deep in My Heart**

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

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

**\*HYMN # 288: Great is Thy Faithfulness**

## **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:**

## **POSTLUDE**