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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able
"I am my Beloveds and My Beloved is mine."
Song of Solomon 6:3

PRELUDE:

***INTROIT:** Who Is My Mother Ron Klusmeier

***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 # 951: Santo, Santo, Santo

Santo, Santo, Santo! Mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres Dios!

Holy, holy, holy! My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Your love flows like a stream
into the ocean of your Grace.
Your love encircles this world,
displaying your faithfulness.
Your love is patient and kind,
bringing wholeness and true peace.
Your love is all we desire
to heal our brokenness.
As all things pass and fade away
love remains eternally.

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

**God of unending love,
there is a transformation that takes place
within the warmth of your embrace,
that certain knowledge that you are**

refuge, shelter, fortress and stronghold,
against which no army can succeed,
that you are Brother, Sister, Mother, Father,
the love that knows no bounds.

That you are God,
and we are lost outside of your embrace. Amen

***HYMN # 574: Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Love has its source in you,
Creator God.

Flows from you like an ocean,
into a world as unyielding
as any shoreline cliff.

And like the ocean
which batters, erodes, and wears away
even the hardest stone

your love persists,
finds cracks and inlets,
in hardened hearts,
flows inside and works a miracle.

Who would think that water
was more powerful than granite,
love mightier than the hardest heart?

Thank you, Creator God,
for the power of your love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

In Christ, God says to us, "Arise, shine, for your light is come."

In Christ, God says to us, "Love one another as I have loved you."

In Christ, God says to us, "Your sins are forgiven you."

Thanks be to God for love and hope!

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN: Love Lift Us Up Where We Belong**

Who knows what tomorrow brings

In a world, few hearts survive

All I know is the way I feel

When it's real, I keep it alive

The road is long, there are mountains in our way
But we climb a step every day

Chorus:

Love lift us up where we belong
Where the eagles cry on a mountain high
Love lift us up where we belong
Far from the world we know, up where the clear winds blow

Some hang on to "used to be"
Live their lives, looking behind
All we have is here and now
All our life, out there to find

The road is long, there are mountains in our way,
But we climb them a step every day

Chorus:

Love lift us up where we belong
Where the eagles cry on a mountain high
Love lift us up where we belong
Far from the world we know, up where the clear winds blow

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN #218 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 bring.

***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

Matthew 22:34 – 40

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

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As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after you;
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

Chorus

You alone are my strength, my sheild
To You alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver,
Only you can satisfy;
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.

Chorus

You alone are my strength, my sheild
To You alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.

You're my friend
And you are my brother,
Even though you are a king;
I love you more than any other,
So much more than anything!

Chorus

You alone are my strength, my sheild
To You alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1 - 13

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ANTHEM: Seasons of Love (from *Rent*) Jonathan Larson

SERMON:

***HYMN # 372: Though I May Speak**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN # 333: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

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: All You Need is Love Lennon-McCartney

POSTLUDE