

# ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 21, 2020

The Third Sunday in Pentecost



**We are a church where Jesus the healer meets Jesus the revolutionary,  
and where together, we grow a just and peaceful world.**

<b>Gathering Music</b>	Betsy Stelzer, Accompanist
<b>Welcome</b>	Joe Mitter, Lay Leader Christ is Risen. <b>Christ is Risen, indeed.</b> Peace be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Vicky Smith, Liturgist
<b>Opening Songs</b>	<i>God Makes Me Want To Sing</i> Daniel Nahmod
<b>Opening Song #2</b>	<i>Woke Up This Morning With My Mind Stayed On Spirit</i> African American Spiritual Led by Betsy Stelzer
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Romans 6:1b-11 <i>The Message</i>

## When Death Becomes Life

So what do we do? Keep on sinning so God can keep on forgiving? I should hope not! If we've left the country where sin is sovereign, how can we still live in our old house there? Or didn't you realize we packed up and left there for good? That is what happened in baptism. When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace—a new life in a new land!

That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus. Each of us is raised into a light-filled world by our Father so that we can see where we're going in our new grace-sovereign country.

Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life—no longer at sin's every beck and call! What we believe is this: If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we also get included in his life-saving resurrection. We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of death-as-the-end. Never again will death have the last word. When Jesus died, he took sin down with him, but alive he brings God down to us. From now on, think of it this way: Sin speaks a dead language that means nothing to you; God speaks your mother tongue, and you hang on every word. You are dead to sin and alive to God. That's what Jesus did.

### **Sermon**

Video featuring conversation with our sister churches:  
Rev. Kelly Wadsworth, Alki UCC  
Rev. Amy Hitchens, Normandy Park UCC  
Rev. Allysa De Wolf, Wayside UCC (Federal Way)

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Special Music**

*God Lives Through Me*

Michael Gott

#### **Offering Prayer**

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#### **Offering Music**

*More Than Conquerors*

Rend Collective

### **Closing Prayer/Announcements**

#### **Closing Song #1**

*Community of Christ*

Shirley Erena Murray

#### **Closing Song #2**

*Because He Lives (Lift Ev'ry Voice And Sing)*

Words by James Weldon Johnson/Music by J. Rosamund Johnson

### **Benediction**

### **Hospitality Hour**