

#### June 28, 2020

# WORSHIP AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

### 2019/2020 Fiscal Year

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

Welcome	Rev. Kelly Wadsworth
Call to Worship	Julia Peeler, Liturgist
Opening Song #1	All Creatures of Our God and King St. Francis of Assisi Tune: Lasst Uns Erfruen
Opening Song #2	Woke Up This Morning With My Mind Stayed on Spirit African American Spiritual/Led by Betsy Stelzer
Alki UCC Slide Show	Shannon Peterson, Tech Deacon
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**Scripture Reading** That means you must not give sin a vote in the way you conduct your lives. Don't give it the time of day. Don't even run little errands that are connected with that old way of life. Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time—remember, you've been raised from the dead!—into God's way of doing things. Sin can't tell you how to live. After all, you're not living under that old tyranny any longer. You're living in the freedom of God.

### What Is True Freedom?

So, since we're out from under the old tyranny, does that mean we can live any old way we want? Since we're free in the freedom of God, can we do anything that comes to mind? Hardly. You know well enough from your own experience that there are some acts of so-called freedom that destroy freedom. Offer yourselves to sin, for instance, and it's your last free act. But offer yourselves to the ways of God and the freedom never quits. All your lives you've let sin tell you what to do. But thank God you've started listening to a new master, one whose commands set you free to live openly in his freedom!

I'm using this freedom language because it's easy to picture. You can readily recall, can't you, how at one time the more you did just what you felt like doing—not caring about others, not caring about God—the worse your life became and the less freedom you had? And how much different is it now as you live in God's freedom, your lives healed and expansive in holiness?

As long as you did what you felt like doing, ignoring God, you didn't have to bother with right thinking or right living, or right anything for that matter. But do you call that a free life? What did you get out of it? Nothing you're proud of now. Where did it get you? A dead end.

But now that you've found you don't have to listen to sin tell you what to do, and have discovered the delight of listening to God telling you, what a surprise! A whole, healed, put-together life right now, with more and more of life on the way! Work hard for sin your whole life and your pension is death. But God's gift is real life, eternal life, delivered by Jesus, our Master.

Prayer/ Opening of the Congregational Meeting	Emily Hitchens, Council Moderator
Reflection	Rev. Kelly Wadsworth
Minutes from 2019 Annual Meeting	Charlie Hinckley, Council Clerk
Thank you to Outgoing Members	Emily Hitchens, Council Moderator
Presentation/Approval of Officers & Ministry Team Members	Julia Peeler, Nominating Committee Chair
Mission/ Radical Redevelopment Team Report	Cinda Stenger Kim Becklund
Presentation of the Budget	Julia Peeler, Treasurer and Gary Gesellchen, Stewardship
Call to Offering	Julia Peeler, Liturgist
Offering Music	A New Hallelujah By Michael W. and Debbie Smith and Paul Baloche Performed by Betsy Stelzer & Dave Dolengewic
Prayers of the People	Rev. Kelly Wadsworth
Closing Music	Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) By Chris Tomlin
Other Business	
Announcements	
Benediction	