

ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 20, 2020

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

Gathering Music	Betsy Stelzer, Accompanist
Welcome	Rev. Kelly Wadsworth
Call to Worship	Dan Kennedy, Liturgist
Opening Song	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i> Reginald Heber & John Dykes Led by Betsy Stelzer
Scripture Reading	Exodus 3:1-15, the story of Moses and the burning bush.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.”¹ He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Sermon Pastor Kelly

Sung Response Cantor:
In the midst of new dimensions,
In the face of changing ways
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?

Congregation:
God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar
We your people,
ours the journey now and ever,
now and ever, now and ever more!

Offering Prayer

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Offering Music Whenever God Shines A Light Van Morrison
Sung by Joe Mitter & Betsy Stelzer

Closing Prayer

Moment of Ministry Faith Formation

Announcements and Prayer Requests

Third Hymn Selected and Introduced by Betsy Stelzer
Here I Am, Lord Daniel Schutte

Benediction and Postlude

Hospitality Hour

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Worship and Music Meeting