

ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 4, 2020

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS/WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



**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	Joe Mitter, Liturgist
Opening Song	<i>All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir</i> Bill Staines Performed by the Alki UCC Choir

Blessing of the Animals

Scripture Reading Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged^[a] their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before

it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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!

Communion

Communion Music Now Thank We All Our God Johann Sebastian Bach and Johann Crüger

Offering Prayer

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Musical Offering Whenever God Shines A Light Van Morrison
Sung by Joe Mitter and Betsy Stelzer

Closing Prayer

Moment of Ministry Worship and Music

Announcements and Prayer Requests

Third Hymn Selected and Introduced by Nancy Hallberg
This Little Light of Mine Popular Gospel song of unknown origin
Led by Betsy Stelzer and Joe Mitter

Benediction

Important note: Alki UCC Sunday worship is recorded for posting on YouTube.

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11:-00 am to Noon **Blessing of the Animals Neighborhood Walk-By**
Outside our Hinds Street Entrance at 6115 SW Hinds
Note: All animals on leashes or in appropriate carriers, please
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