

ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 11, 2020

The Nineteenth 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>A New Hallelujah</i> Michael W. & Debbie Smith and Paul Baloche Led by Betsy Stelzer

Scripture Reading Exodus 16:2-16

On the fifteenth day of the second month after they had left Egypt, the whole company of Israel moved on from Elim to the Wilderness of Sin which is between Elim and Sinai. The whole company of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron there in the wilderness. The Israelites said, “Why didn’t GOD let us die in comfort in Egypt where we had lamb stew and all the bread we could eat? You’ve brought us out into this wilderness to starve us to death, the whole company of Israel!” GOD said to Moses, “I’m going to rain bread down from the skies for you. The people will go out and gather each day’s ration. I’m going to test them to see if they’ll live according to my Teaching or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they have gathered, it will turn out to be twice as much as their daily ration.”

Moses and Aaron told the People of Israel, “This evening you will know that it is GOD who brought you out of Egypt; and in the morning you will see the Glory of GOD. Yes, he’s listened to your complaints against him. You haven’t been complaining against us, you know, but against GOD.”

Moses said, “Since it will be GOD who gives you meat for your meal in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, it’s GOD who will have listened to your complaints against him. Who are we in all this? You haven’t been complaining to us—you’ve been complaining to GOD!”

Moses instructed Aaron: “Tell the whole company of Israel: ‘Come near to GOD. He’s heard your complaints.’”

When Aaron gave out the instructions to the whole company of Israel, they turned to face the wilderness. And there it was: the Glory of GOD visible in the Cloud.

'God spoke to Moses, "I've listened to the complaints of the Israelites. Now tell them: 'At dusk you will eat meat and at dawn you'll eat your fill of bread; and you'll realize that I am God, your God.'"

That evening quail flew in and covered the camp and in the morning there was a layer of dew all over the camp. When the layer of dew had lifted, there on the wilderness ground was a fine flaky something, fine as frost on the ground. The Israelites took one look and said to one another, *man-hu* (What is it?). They had no idea what it was.

So Moses told them, "It's the bread God has given you to eat. And these are God's instructions: 'Gather enough for each person, about two quarts per person; gather enough for everyone in your tent.'"

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,

Offering Prayer

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Musical Offering *Panis Angelicus (Bread from Heaven)* from "Messe de trois voix"
Cesar Franck Performed by Verona Ryan and Betsy Stelzer

Closing Prayer

Prayer Requests

Moment of Ministry Worship Logistics

Announcements

Third Hymn *World Peace Prayer* Marty Haugen with Upanishads, Satish Kumararty

Benediction

Hospitality Hour

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

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Worship & Music Team Meeting at 11:15 am

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