

ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 10, 2021

The First Sunday after Epiphany

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 *Woke Up This Morning* African American Spiritual
Text: B.B King and Jules Taub

Scripture Reading Psalm 29 *The Message*

Bravo, God, bravo!

Gods and all angels shout, "Encore!"

In awe before the glory,

in awe before God's visible power.

Stand at attention!

Dress your best to honor him!

God thunders across the waters,

Brilliant, his voice and his face, streaming brightness—

God, across the flood waters.

God's thunder tympanic,

God's thunder symphonic.

God's thunder smashes cedars,

God topples the northern cedars.

The mountain ranges skip like spring colts,

The high ridges jump like wild kid goats.

God's thunder spits fire.

God thunders, the wilderness quakes;

He makes the desert of Kadesh shake.

God's thunder sets the oak trees dancing

A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches.

We fall to our knees—we call out, "Glory!"

Above the floodwaters is God's throne

from which his power flows,

from which he rules the world.

God makes his people strong.

God gives his people peace.

Guest Speaker Connie Burk, Executive Director, Kol HaNeshamah

Offering Prayer

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Offering Music Mi Shebeirach (A prayer for healing) Debbie Friedman

Closing Prayer

Moment of Ministry Stewardship Gary Gesellchen

Announcements

Third Hymn Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness James K. Manley

Closing Song Let There Be Peace On Earth Jill Jackson and Sy Mille

Benediction

Postlude

Hospitality Hour/Q and A with Connie

Worship and Music Meeting

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

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CONNIE BURK

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KOL HANESHAMAH



Connie Burk and her family are long-time members of Kol HaNeshamah. Connie served on the Board of Trustees as both Senior V-P and Treasurer, and chaired the Rabbinic Search Committee. In 2010, she received KHN's inaugural Deborah Award for Visionary Leadership.

An experienced executive leader and community organizer, Connie continues her antiviolence work as a program developer for Mother Nation, a by-and-for Native American antiviolence organization bringing credentialed cultural-based healing to Indigenous survivors of violence from across the lifecourse. Previously, she directed the NW Network, an anti-violence program that served the Pacific NW and the nation. At the NW Network, she founded the National LGBTQ Institute on Intimate Partner Violence, the National LGBTQ TTA Institute and the annual Q&A Summit. She authored numerous articles and publications including the book, *Trauma Stewardship: An Everyday Guide to Caring for Self While Caring for Others*.

Connie believes congregations are emerging as the most vital social institution of our time, "Congregations are uniquely poised to call us in, affirm what is good and kind, and reconnect our capacity for authentic relationship in real time."