

# ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 21, 2021

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent



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

<b>Gathering Music</b>	Betsy Stelzer, Accompanist
<b>Welcome</b>	Rev. Louis Mitchell
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Jeff Duckett, Liturgist
<b>Opening Song</b>	<i>Blessed Assurance</i> Fanny Crosby & Phoebe Nash
<b>Contemporary Voice</b>	Gloria Allred, "There is no change without sacrifice."
<b>Scripture Readings</b>	<b>Psalms 51:1-12 (NRSV)</b>  Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**John 12:27-33**

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**Sermon** “A Love Supreme” Rev. Louis Mitchell

**Sung Response** *Again We Keep This Solemn Fast* Gregory the Great

Again we keep this solemn fast, a gift of faith from ages past  
This Lent, which binds us lovingly to faith and hope and charity

We pray, O blessed Three In One, Our God while endless ages run  
That this, our Lent of forty days, May bring us growth and give you praise!

**Call to Offering/Offering Prayer**

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**Musical Offering** *What Wondrous Love Is This* Christian Folk Hymn

**Closing Prayer**

**Moment of Ministry** Stewardship

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn** *Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross* Franny Crosby

**Benediction** Rev. Louis

**Postlude**

**Hospitality Hour**

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