

# ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 4, 2021

## Easter Sunday



**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>	Dan K, Liturgist
<b>Opening Song</b>	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i> Charles Wesley John Wells, Trumpet
<b>Contemporary Voice</b>	“The symbolic language of the crucifixion is the death of the old paradigm; resurrection is a leap into a whole new way of thinking.” —Deepak Chopra
<b>Scripture Readings</b>	<b>Psalms 118:14-24 (NRSV)</b>

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.  
There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted;  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.  
I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.  
The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.  
Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.  
This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Mark 16:1-8 (NRSV)**

**The Resurrection of Jesus**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Sermon**      "Walking through Our Fears of A New Way of Living"      Rev. Louis Mitchell

**Communion**      Words of Institution and Consecration      Rev. Louis Mitchell

**Mark 14:22-24**

**While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.**

**Communion Music**      *Are You Washed in the Blood?*      Elisha Hoffman

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

**Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of your chosen and beloved One.  
He who walked among us and went before us into death.  
The Rabbi who gave us examples of how to live and love.  
The teacher who taught us not to fear, but to walk in faith.**

**Jesus, we take you into ourselves, symbolically but earnestly.  
We strive to be one flesh with You, one heart with You,  
To know deep in our hearts that death will not win. Amen.**

**Sung Response:**      **Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!**

### **Call to Offering/Offering Prayer**

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### **Musical Offering**

*Hallelujah: A Joyful Celebration! (video)*  
Sung by the Alki UCC Choir

G.F. Handel; arr. Michael Warren  
John Wells, Trumpet

### **Closing Prayer**

### **Announcements**

### **Closing Hymn**

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Matthew Bridges & George Elvey

### **Benediction**

Rev. Louis

### **Postlude**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
John Wells, Trumpet

### **Hospitality Hour**

*Alki UCC Sunday worship is recorded for posting on YouTube.*