

# ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 30, 2021

## Trinity 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. Louis Mitchell

**Call to Worship**                      Emily H, Liturgist

**Sung Response**                      *Sanctuary*

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

**Contemporary Voice**            “As our son approaches his 21st birthday I find myself reflecting on the concept of enough; have I given him enough time, enough modeling of values, enough focus on the things that really matter so as to equip him to move through the world successfully. Somedays I am not sure of the answer but what I can say that parenting has taught me is the value of bringing myself into each moment whether in laughter, anger, sadness or quiet contemplation and in doing that I hope he has gotten enough.” — *Carol Stewart*

**Opening Song**                        TBA

**Scripture Readings**            **Isaiah 6:7-8**                                      (*The Message*)

Then one of the angel-seraphs flew to me. He held a live coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with the coal and said,

“Look. This coal has touched your lips. Gone your guilt, your sins wiped out.”

And then I heard the voice of the Master:

“Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”

I spoke up, “I’ll go. Send me!”

## Romans 8:12-17

(Adapted from *The Message*)

So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!

This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who God is, and we know who we are: children of God! And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with Christ, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him too!

## Sermon

"Finding Your Yes!"

Rev. Louis Mitchell

## Prayers of the People

*(We invite you to stay muted or unmute as you desire. Please be respectful of the privacy of those names you lift in prayer — this is the internet and by its nature not completely private.)*

Loving God, we lift our voices in prayer. We come to share our gratitude, our fears, our deepest hopes, and our unanswerable questions. We open our hearts to let you in to our most tender places and to share all that we hold most dear. We trust that we will be held, that we will be loved. In times of trial, help us hold on to that trust.

### **God, hear our prayers!**

God of abundant grace, you have blessed us with unconditional love. We offer ourselves in all of our brokenness, knowing that in you, all things are whole. When we stray from your ways of justice and compassion, call us back. Have mercy on us, and help us to begin again in love.

### **We are imperfect, and yet, we are beloved. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

Holy One, there are many among us who suffer today, whether in mind, body or spirit. We lift up the names of our loved ones, and we pray for the healing of all who suffer.

*(Please say the names, aloud or in your heart, of anyone who is in need of healing.)*

We pray, too, for those who have financial needs, who are in need of employment, and who are in need of economic justice. We lift up the names of our loved ones, and we pray for a world in which no one's needs will go unmet.

*(Please say the names, aloud or in your heart, of anyone who is experiencing such need.)*

Gathered together in love, we gather also in remembrance. We remember those who have come before us, whose love and whose sacrifices have touched our lives, making it possible for us to be as we are. As we speak the names of our departed loved ones, we offer a prayer of thanks for these precious memories and we pray that you will comfort all who mourn.

*(Please speak the names of anyone you wish to remember today.)*

As our world is filled with suffering, need and grief, it is also filled with blessing and abundance. Mindful of the abundance in our own lives, we offer thanks!

*(Please name aloud those blessings for which you are thankful.)*

In our hearts, we carry many individual prayers. Knowing that we are all connected, one in the body of Christ, we lift up these prayers together. The prayer of one among us is the prayer of all.

*(Please take a moment to offer your prayer silently)*

**God, in your mercy, hear our prayers!**

Creator God, you have called us into being and given us purposes to fulfill. Each of us has unique gifts, and all our gifts are needed in your world.

**Help us to hear and to heed our callings.**

This church, too, has a calling. We come together to discern our purpose and to live into it together. Fill our hearts with love for you and your world. Strengthen us for the service ahead. Give us the courage to let go of all that holds us back from fulfilling your desires. Give us the wisdom and the creativity to discover new ways of being. God, you have called us here.

**What are you calling us to do? Speak, for your servants are listening**

*(Let us remain in silent prayer as we listen for God.)*

**Amen.**

*Adapted from a prayer by the Rev. Jamez Terry*

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

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**Musical Offering**            TBA

### **Announcements**

**Moment of Ministry**      Worship Logistics            Rod Peeler

**Third Hymn**                TBA

**Benediction**                Rev. Louis Mitchell

### **Postlude**

### **Hospitality Hour**

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

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