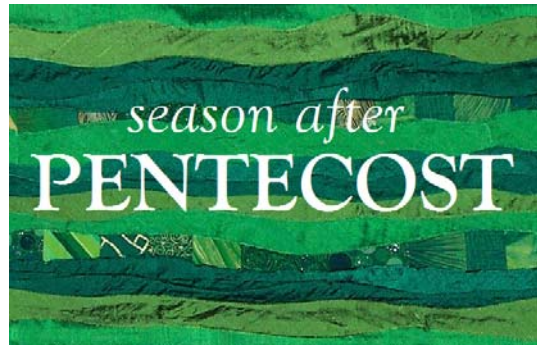


ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 19, 2021

Seventeenth 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 Zachary Kellogg, Guest Accompanish
Welcome Rev. Louis Mitchell
Call to Worship Cinda S, Liturgist
Sung Response *Sanctuary* John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs
**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 “There's a way of playing safe, there's a way of using tricks and there's the way I like to play which is dangerously where you're going to take a chance on making mistakes in order to create something you haven't created before. — Dave Brubeck

Opening Song Hymn #439 (NCS) *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Scripture Readings:

Source: “A Women’s Lectionary for the Whole Church, year W. , Dr. Wilda C. Gafney”]

Psalm 71:1-6 (Gafney Lectionary)

In you, ETERNAL ONE, do I take refuge;
Let me never be put to shame.
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
Incline your ear to me and save me.
Be to me a fortress of rock
Where I may ever go;
You command my salvation
For you are my rocky stronghold
My God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked,
From the clutch of the cruel and the ruthless
For you are my hope, Sovereign, WORTHY ONE,
My trust, from my youth.
Upon you I have leaned from birth;
From my mother’s belly, you cut me.
You will I praise for all time.

2 Corinthians 1:8

(adapted from Gafney Lectionary)

Now, we do not wish for you all to be unaware, kindred, of our affliction that happened in Asia; for we were utterly crushed, forced down so that we despaired of living.

Instead, we received the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

The One who from so great a deadly peril rescued us;

On God we have set our hope to rescue us again.

Helping us also are your prayers, so that many, for the gift to us through the prayers of many, will give thanks on our behalf.

adaptation of Matthew 6:9-13

Gafney Lectionary, credit to Rev. Yolanda M. Norton

Our Mother,

Who is in heaven and within us,

We call upon your names.

Your wisdom come.

Your will be done,

In all the spaces in which you dwell.

Give us each day

Sustenance and perseverance.

Remind us of our limits as

We give grace to the limits of others.

Separate us from the temptation of empire,

And deliver us into community.

For you are the dwelling place within us,

The empowerment around us,

And the celebration among us,

Now and forever. Amen.

Sermon

“Dangers, Seen and Unseen”

Rev. Louis Mitchell

Second Hymn

Hymn #299 (NCS)

For All The Saints

Prayers of the People

Prayer deepens our relationship with God .

Prayer brings us closer to Divine Source.

*We are created us with a need for connection,
and prayer is connection.*

*Praying is talking to the God,
just like friends talk to each other and
are brought closer together through their sharing.*

*When we pray, we open ourselves to God,
to each other and to the energies of those that we are praying for.*

*For the last few weeks, we've had some specific prompts –
for the next few weeks, we'll do it a little differently.*

You are welcome to do this silently or if you wish to, in the chat.

Take this moment to pray for yourself – petition God for what you need, express your thanksgiving to God for who you are and what you have.

(moments of silence or chat writing)

Take this moment to prayer for your family, however you identify family.

(moments of silence or chat writing)

Take this moment to pray for your neighbors and wider community.

(moments of silence or chat sharing)

Take this moment to pray for all in public service – from the folks who work where you shop, to those that work in schools and institutions, those who serve in agencies who are tasked with serving the public in many ways.

(moments of silence or chat sharing)

And finally, take this moment to pray for peace and healing all over the world!

(moments of silence or chat sharing)

Now if you wish to, please unmute and join me in the “we” version of the Serenity Prayer, written by Reinhold Neihbuhr,

“God, grant US the serenity to accept the things we can not change.

The courage the things WE can;

And the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.”

Call to Offering/Offering Prayer

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Musical Offering

Announcements

Moment of Ministry

Personnel

Third Hymn

Hymn #506 (NCS) *What a Friend We have in Jesus*

Benediction

Rev. Louis Mitchell

Sung Benediction

Peace I Leave With You, My Friends Ray Repp

Postlude

Hospitality Hour

Alki UCC Sunday worship is recorded for posting on YouTube.

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