

ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 3, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Communion 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 Zachary Kellogg, Guest Accompanist

Welcome Rev. Louis J. Mitchell

Call to Worship Kim B, 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 Voices “We accept the love we think we deserve.”
— Stephen Chbosky, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

“You open your heart knowing that there’s a chance it may be broken one day and in opening your heart, you experience a love and joy that you never dreamed possible. You find that being vulnerable is the only way to allow your heart to feel true pleasure that’s so real it scares you. You find strength in knowing you have a true friend and possibly a soul mate who will remain loyal to the end. Life seems completely different, exciting and worthwhile. Your only hope and security is in knowing that they are a part of your life.” — *Bob Marley*

Opening Song *Hymn #459 (NCH)* *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

Scripture Readings: **1 Samuel 2:8** (adapted from NRSV)

God raises up the poor from the dust;
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD’s,
and on them God has set the world.

Matthew 6:10

(adapted from NRSV)

Your kin-dom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Philippians 3:7-9

(NRSV)

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

Sermon

“Which Church Shall We Be?”

Rev. Louis Mitchell

Second Hymn

Hymn #31 (NCH)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Prayers of the People

Now if you wish to, please unmute and join me in the whatever version of the Lord’s Prayer that speaks to your spirit!

**“Our Creator, who are in heaven,
Beloved be your names.
Thy kin-dom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins –
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
Deliver us from evil.
For yours in the kin-dom,
The power and the glory!**

Communion

Words of Institution and Consecration

Rev. Louis Mitchell

Communion Music

Communion Prayer: Please pray the prayer of thanksgiving with me:

**Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of your chosen and beloved One.
Jesus, we take you into ourselves, symbolically but earnestly.
We strive to be one flesh with You, one heart with You,
We strive to be Your hands here in this time and place where You have planted us to serve.
Amen.**

Call to Offering/Offering Prayer

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Musical Offering**Announcements**

Moment of Ministry Caring Community/Fellowship

Third Hymn Hymn #522 (NCH) *I Love to Tell the Story*

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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