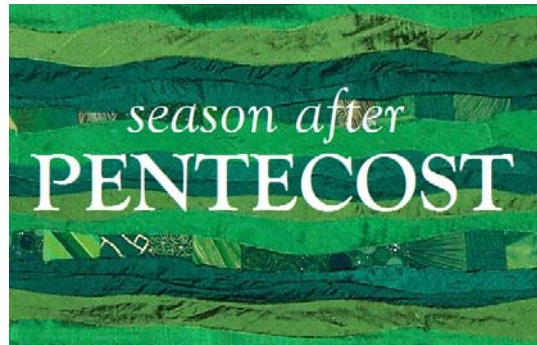


ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 10, 2021

Twentieth 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 Accompanist
Welcome	Rev. Louis Mitchell
Call to Worship	Kim B, Liturgist
Sung Response	<i>Sanctuary</i> 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	"Baptize yourself in the waters of God's grace whenever you wish." — Rev. Dr. Kirk Byron Jones
Opening Song	Hymn #257 (NCS) <i>Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!</i>
Scripture Readings:	Hosea 14:4-8 (adapted from <i>The Message</i>) I will heal their waywardness. I will love them lavishly. My anger is played out. I will make a fresh start with Israel. Israel will burst into bloom like a crocus in the spring. put down deep oak tree roots, become a forest of oaks! Israel will become splendid—like a giant sequoia, its fragrance like a grove of cedars! Those who live near will be blessed, be blessed and prosper like golden grain. Everyone will be talking about them, spreading their fame as the vintage children of God. Ephraim is finished with gods that are no-gods. From now on I, God, am the one who answers and satisfies him. I am like a luxuriant fruit tree. Everything you need is to be found in me."

Second Reading: Colossians 1:9-14

(adapted from *The Message*)

Be assured that from the first day we heard of you, we haven't stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to God's will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works. We pray that you'll live well for the Master, making God proud of you as you work hard in God's orchard. As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do your work. We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Creator who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that God has for us.

God rescued us from dead-end alleys and dark dungeons. God's set us up in the kin-dom of the Son he loves so much, the Son who got us out of the pit we were in, got rid of the sins we were doomed to keep repeating.

Sermon “Grace and Mercy, Enough to Share!” Rev. Louis Mitchell

Second Hymn Hymn #400 (NCS) *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

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 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!
Now and forever. Amen.**

Call to Offering/Offering Prayer

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Musical Offering What A Friend We Have in Jesus Charles Converse; arr. Zachary Kellogg

Announcements

Moment of Ministry Worship and Music

Third Hymn Hymn #473 (NCS) *Blessed Assurance*

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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