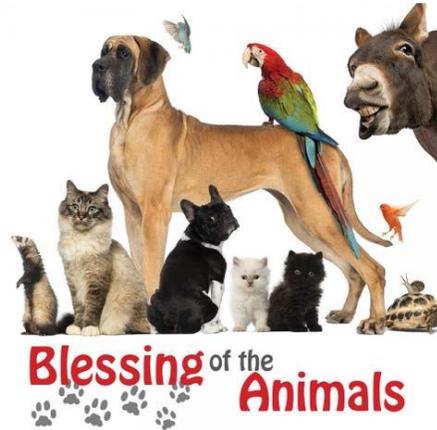


ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 24, 2021

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost Blessing of the Animals



We are a church where Jesus the healer meets Jesus the revolutionary,
and where together, we grow a just and peaceful world.

Gathering Music

Welcome Rev. Louis Mitchell

Call to Worship Joe M, 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 "You don't know what mental telepathy exists from the human to the animal." — *Tippi Hedren*

Opening Song

Scripture Readings: **Genesis 1:20-25** (NRSV)
And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Mark 1:11-13

(NRSV)

And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Sermon “Blessed are the Beasts (and the other animals too)!” Rev. Louis

Second Hymn

Prayers of Blessing for our Pets (and their People)

Prayer deepens our relationship with God, with each other
And with all of creation.

Today we offer our prayers of thanksgiving
For the creatures entrusted to our care!

As I read the names of the pets that we have pictured,
Please respond by saying, “**we thank God for you, _____**”

(SLIDESHOW: animal/human pics and names)

(at the conclusion)

You’re welcome to come down to the church after worship concludes for an in-person blessing for you and your pet!

Please pray with me:

**Gracious God, creator of all,
We thank you for the gift of love shared between us
And our pets.
They are more than beautiful beasts,
They are family with us.
We thank you for their unconditional love and
Their teaching us to love unconditionally.
Bless them and keep them! Amen.
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

Announcements

Moment of Ministry Outreach/Social Justice

Third Hymn

Benediction Rev. Louis

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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