

ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 10, 2022

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome, Pastor Emily!



Gathering Music

Zachary Kellogg, Guest Accompanist

Welcome

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel, Bridge Pastor

Call to Worship

Vicky S, Liturgist

Creator God has planted seeds of hope in us.

May we be cultivated, nurtured, and nourished in community.

We look to Jesus to learn how to bear fruit of lovingkindness.

We continue to learn, to grow, to flourish.

We are strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

May we share this hope with the world.

Let us worship God together!

Opening Song

Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here, #4361 NCH

Invocation

Scripture Readings

Psalm 25:1-10

paraphrase by Nan C. Merrill

To You, O Love, I lift up my soul!

O Heart within my heart, in you I place my trust.

Let me not feel unworthy; let not fear rule over me.

Yes! May all who open their hearts savor You and bless the earth!

Compel me to know your ways, O Love; Instruct me upon your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

For through You will I know wholeness;

I shall reflect your Light both day and night.

I know of your mercy, Blessed One, and of your unconditional Love;

You have been with me from the beginning.

Forgive the many times I have walked away from You

Choosing to follow my own will.

I seek your guidance, once again, I yearn to know your Peace.

Companion me as I open to your Will!

You are gracious and just, O Spirit of Truth,
Happy to guide those who miss their way;
You enjoy teaching all who are open, all who choose to live in truth.
Your paths are loving and sure, O Holy One, and
Those who give witness to you through their lives
are blessed beyond measure.

Merrill, Nan C. Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness; New York: Bloomsbury; © 2007.

Colossians 1:1-14 NRSV

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Sermon *The Fruit You Bear*

Silence *(A minute or so for quiet meditation)*

Second Song *If You But Trust in God to Guide You , #410 NCH*

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

The New Zealand Book of Prayer

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.

Offering Invitation

Musical Offering *Gratitude* Zachary Kellogg

Prayer of Dedication

Giver and Sustainer of Life,
Pour your blessing upon these gifts
And upon all who give from their hearts.
Multiply them so that they reach farther than our imaginations can carry them.
In the name of the one who loves so fiercely and completely, Amen.

Announcements

Closing Song *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You, #4 NCH*

Benediction

Sung Response *Peace I Leave with You*

Postlude

Hospitality Hour

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*Musical selections and service order subject to change.
Alki UCC Sunday worship is recorded for posting on YouTube.*

The Reverend Emily Tanis-Likkel is an ordained United Church of Christ minister who lives in a multigenerational household in West Seattle with her spouse Brett, nineteen-year-old daughter Eva, fifteen-year-old son Day, and her parents.

She is trained in Nia, a holistic movement practice, which informs her spiritual practice of embodying Scripture. She loves collaborative ministry and co-creating experiences that liberate, challenge the status quo, engage the senses, deepen relationships, and draws us nearer to our creator. She also loves to consume novels and dance barefoot.

She is currently writing a book for those on the journey of faith who wish to widen their experience of the sacred through the joy of movement. She is very much looking forward to serving as Alki UCC's Bridge Pastor.