

July 17, 2022
Online Order of Service
Alki United Church of Christ
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Gathering Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Song (#403) *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* (Verses 1-4/lyrics on last page)

Scripture Readings

Psalm 15 reinterpreted by Maren Tirabassi in *Living Psalms Book*.

God, who tents with you on the peak?

The one with pitons and crampons of justice,
who will rappel down in rescue
for kindness' sake.

A trekker with old-fashioned compass
looking like Bible or Tanakh,
Quran, Tipitaka, Vedas, Agamas,
for those lost with only a cell phone,
a talker who also Signs,
and speaks the language of silence,
a back-packer who carries
love, trail mix, and sunscreen to share.

A seasoned hiker who does not mock
an ambitious eight-year-old,
who does not damage creation,
or take another's campsite.

And, also, those
who are activists against fracking,
against mountain-top removal mining,
but who serve city youth
that come to climb
and build their self-worth,
even when it slows the journey.

They do not try to own mountains,
or travel without permission
on sovereign tribal holy land,
but they find on the peaks
a tent for shelter
and your perspective on the holy.

Living Psalms Book is created by UCC Witness & Worship Artists' Group and edited by Maren Tirabassi. These Psalms are reborn in the specific contexts of our world, privileging the voices of historically marginalized communities and those acting in solidarity with them.

Colossians 1:15-28, NRSV

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Sermon “Born of Hope”

Quiet Meditation

Song (#118) *Of the Parent's Heart Begotten* (Verses 1-3/lyrics on last page)

Prayers of the People

You are invited to voice your prayers aloud at “Hear our Prayers, O God.” Response after each petition is “Hear our Prayer.”

Prayer of Jesus from *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.**

Time, Talent and Treasure

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In Person: You can leave a donation as you exit today. Collection plates are at the back of the Sanctuary and offering envelopes are in the pews to use as desired.

Musical Offering *My Romance* Rodgers & Hart Zachary Kellogg, Alto Flute

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song (#539) *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?* (Verses 1-5/lyrics last page)

Benediction

Sung Response (#249) *Peace I Leave with You*

Peace I leave with you, my friends,
Shalom, my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends,
I give to you so you can give to others, too.

Take my hand and be at peace;
the spirit of our love I send.
And with this love you will be free, until I come again.

Peace I leave with you, my friends,
Shalom, my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends,
I give to you so you can give to others, too.

Postlude

Hospitality Hour

Song Lyrics on next page

First Hymn: #403

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1) My hope is built on nothing less than
Jesus' love and righteousness;
I dare not trust this earthly frame, but
wholly lean on Jesus' name

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2) When shadows veil my Savior's face, I
rest upon unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor
holds within the veil.

Refrain

3) Christ's oath and covenant and blood
support me in the rising flood;
When all around my soul gives way, Christ
then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain:

4) When Christ shall come with trumpet
sound, oh, may I then in love be found,
Dressed in God's righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain

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Second Hymn: #118

Of the Parent's Heart Begotten

1) Of the Parent's heart begotten when
the worlds were yet to be,
One there was with no beginning, one
who is eternally
Source and Ending of all things that have
been,
And all things that are to be, forever and
forever.

2) By this Word was all created, by this
Word were all things done:
Land and air and deepest ocean, harmony
of three in one,
And all growing in in the luminance
Shed forth from the moon and sun,
forever and forever

3) Blessed dawning of salvation as the
Word is breathed in grace
Into earthly flesh receiving, God incarnate
taking place;
Now the light of God revealed
Through the Child of human face, forever
and forever
The offering piece remains the same.

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Final Hymn: #539

I Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

1) Won't you let me be your servant, let
me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you
be my servant, too

2) We are pilgrims on a journey, we are
travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other go the
mile and bear the load.

3) I will hold the Christlight for you in the
shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the
peace you long to hear.

4) I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've
seen this journey through.

5) When we sing to God in heaven we
shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of
Christ's love and agony.

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