



# ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 28, 2022

Order of Service for the Worship of God  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**Gathering Music** Zachary Kellogg, Accompanist

**Welcome** Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

**Call to Worship** Joe Mitter, Liturgist

*Psalm 100*, re-imagined by Rev. Dr. Chris Davies in “Living Psalms,” adapted

**Sung Response** *Make us One* Carol Cymbala

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Make us one, Lord, make us one; Ho - ly

Spir - it, make us one. Let your

love flow so the world will know we are one in

you. Make us you.

## Invocation

**Opening Song** #22 | *Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped* (lyrics on last page)

## Scripture Readings

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29** re-imagined by Elsa Anders Cook in *Living Psalms*

Let us tune our voices singing scales moving up and down into the movement of praise. I don't feel ready to praise. Or at least I'm not sure what to praise. I believe in God's goodness but I need your help to remember how to sing.

Remind me to breathe from deep within my belly as I try to sing about love.  
Open my nose and throat. Remind me of this because everything is tight.  
Remind me to loosen my shoulders and straighten my spine.  
Open the breath in my body and set it to music so that praise is a song that I can  
sing even when I'm not sure what love sounds like now.  
God is listening. Thank God that God is listening  
and makes sense of every broken note and flat chord.  
Sometimes it feels like I'm just pushing a boulder uphill and I can't do it anymore.  
I'm not strong enough. I can't do this alone but I'm not alone. God is my strength  
and my might. We've been singing this song through the Red Sea  
and through every other rock and hard place. God is our help.  
It is a song that we sing together. Help me fill in the words.  
We can teach each other how to sing and carry each other's tune  
uphill and through valleys full of shadows and death. We can sing together that  
God makes a way even when we are not sure it is possible.  
God is our help. We put it to music because it is so hard to understand.  
We can only sing. God is our help and we give thanks.  
We breathe life into each other and our voices reach higher and louder.  
We give thanks that God makes a way. God gives me reason to sing and I am  
so glad for this parade. This is what praise feels like.  
It is a song to sing together.

**Psalm 150**, adapted from NRSV

Hallelujah!

Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God from the mighty firmament!

Praise God's mighty deeds; praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!

Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!

Praise God with tambourine and dance, praise God with strings and pipe!

Praise God with clanging cymbals, praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise God! Hallelujah!

**Sermon**      "Everything That Breathes"

**Quiet Meditation**

**Hymn**      #543 | *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*      (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."*

## **The Prayer of Jesus**

Open Door Community Church in Baltimore, MD

**Our Beloved Friend**

**Outside the Domination System**

**May your Holy Name be honored by the way we live our lives.**

**Your Beloved Community come.**

**Guide us to:**

**Walk your walk, Talk your talk, Sit your Silence**

**Inside the court room, on the streets, in the jail houses**

**As they are on the margins of resistance.**

**Give us this day everything we need.**

**Forgive us our wrongs as we forgive those who have wronged us.**

**Do not bring us to hard testing, but keep us safe from the Evil One.**

**For Thine is the Beloved Community,**

**the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Time, Talent and Treasure**

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**Musical Offering**                      *Amazing Grace* featuring Zachary and Joe

## **Prayer of Dedication**

## **Thanksgiving and Prayer of Blessing for Zachary Kellogg**

**Closing Song**                      #593 | *Lift Every Voice and Sing*                      (lyrics on last page)

## **Benediction**

**Sung Response**                      #570 | *We Shall Overcome*                      (lyrics on last page)

## **Postlude**

## **Hospitality Hour**

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## #22 | Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

Sing praise to God,  
who has shaped and sustains all creation!  
Sing praise, my soul,  
in profound and complete adoration!  
Glad some rejoice organ and trumpet and voice  
Joining God's great congregation.

Praise God, our guardian,  
who lovingly offers correction  
Who, as on eagle's wings,  
saves us from sinful dejection.  
Have you observed, how we are always preserved  
By God's parental affection?

Sing praise to God,  
with sincere thanks for all your successes.  
Merciful God ever loves to encourage and bless us.  
Only conceive, what godly strength can achieve:  
Strength that would touch and caress us

Sing praise, my soul,  
the great name of your high God commending.  
All that have life and breath join us,  
their notes sweetly blending.  
God is your light! Soul, ever keep this in sight;  
Amen, amen, never ending

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## #543 | Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of clan and race,  
Above the noise of selfish strife,  
O Christ, we hear your voice of grace.

In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds framed with fears,  
From paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of your tears.

From tender childhood's helplessness,  
from human griefs and burdened toil.  
From famished souls, from sorrows' stress,  
we know your heart does not recoil.

The cup of water given for you  
still holds the freshness of your grace;  
Yet long these multitudes to view  
the deep compassion of your face.

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## #593 | Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing,  
till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise,  
High as the listening skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea

Sing a song full of the faith  
that the harsh past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope  
that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won!

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,  
Come to the place for which our people sighed?

We have come over a way  
that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path  
through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
God who has brought us thus far on the way;  
God, who by your might  
Led us into the light, keep us forever in path,  
we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places,  
our God, where we met you,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world,  
forget you;  
Shadowed beneath your hand,  
may we forever stand, true to our God,  
True to our native land!

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## We Shall Overcome | #570

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,  
We shall overcome some day;  
Oh Deep, in my heart, I do believe,  
We shall overcome some day

We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in hand,  
We'll go hand in hand some day;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We'll go hand in hand some day!