



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
September 18, 2022
Order of Service for the Worship of God
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music Becky Cain, Accompanist

Welcome Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Call to Worship: Jeff D, Liturgist

Divine Parent, you feel what we feel.

Our joys and our pains are yours too.

Divine Healer, you delight in our wholeness.

You are the balm for our heavy-laden hearts and souls.

Giver of life, you are able to renew us.

We open ourselves to you.

Musical Response *Bind Us Together* Bob Gilman (music/lyrics attached)

Invocation

Opening Song *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness #286* (lyrics after order of service)

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, NRSV

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:

"Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

1 Timothy 2:1-7, NRSV

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle
(I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Sermon "The Depth and Width of Intercession"

Quiet Meditation

Song *There is a Balm in Gilead* #553 (lyrics after order of service)

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:

Loving God, in whom is heaven, may Your name be honored everywhere. May Your kin-dom come. May the desire of Your heart for the world be done, in us, by us and through us. Give us the bread we need for each day. Forgive us. Enable us to forgive others. Keep us from all anxiety and fear. For You reign in the power that comes from love which is Your glory forever and ever. Amen.

Time, Talent and Treasure

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Musical Offering

Doxology #778

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* #25 (lyrics after order of service)

Benediction

Sung Benediction *I've Got Peace Like a River* Traditional (Last Page)

Postlude

Hospitality Hour

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Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness #286

Refrain:

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea*

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings.”
(To Refrain)

You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand.
and you goaded you people
with a law and a land;
When they were confounded
by their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes.
(To Refrain)

You sand in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
And down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind.
(To Refrain)

You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.
(To Refrain)

There is a Balm in Gilead #553

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead,
to make the wounded whole,
There is a beam in Gilead,
to heal the sinsick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
(To Refrain)

Don't ever feel discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend,
who, if you ask for knowledge,
will never fail to lend.
(To Refrain)

If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus,
who died to save us all.
(To Refrain)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past #25

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come.
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood
our earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream fades
at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our God while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

BIND US TOGETHER

Words and Music by
BOB GILLMAN

Flowing (♩ = ♩³)

Em7 A7 D G/A A7

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D Em7 F#m7 Bm7

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with

Em7 A7 G/A A7 D G/A

cords that can - not be bro - ken.

D Em7 F#m7 Bm7 Em7

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to -

To Coda \oplus

A7 D G/D D Em7

geth - er with love. _____ There is on - ly one

3 3

F#m7 Em7 D Em7 A7 D G/A

God, _____ there is on - ly one King, _____

D Em7 F#m7 Em7 D

there is on - ly one bod - y; _____ that is

D.S. al Coda

Em7 A7 D G/A A7 CODA G D/F# Em7 D

why we can sing: _____ love. _____

I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER

TRADITIONAL

[♩ = 100]

N.C. F Csus F A A7/C# Dm Bb

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an
 3. I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a

C7 N.C. F Dsus G9 Em/G G7 C7sus C7

riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul, I've got
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my soul, I've got
 foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in my soul, I've got

F Csus F A A7/C# Dm Bb C7

peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got
 love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, I've got
 joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got

F Dm G9 C7 F Bb/F F

peace like a riv - er in my soul.
 love like an o - cean in my soul.
 joy like a foun - tain in my soul.