

ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST September 25, 2022 Order of Service for the Worship of God Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecist

Gathering Music Becky Cain, Accompanist

Welcome Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Call to Worship: Cinda S, Liturgist

Psalm 91:1-4, adapted from Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness by Nan C. Merrill.

Let us dwell in the shelter of Infinite Light,

May we abide in the wings of Infinite Love,

We raise our voices in praise:

In you alone, O God, we trust.

God delivers us from the webs of fear and illusion,

From all that separates and divides.

God protects us as an eagle shields it's young,

God's faithfulness is sure.

Let us worship God!

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

Invocation

Opening Song For the Beauty of the Earth, #28 (music after order of service)

Scripture Reading Luke 16:19-31, NRSV

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, `Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, `Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, `Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, `If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.""

Sermon "The Bridge"

Quiet Meditation

Song On Eagle's Wings Michael Joncas (music 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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Next Sunday, October 2, we will receive the Neighbors in Need offering. The 2022 Neighbors in Need offering focuses on economic justice with the theme *Behold!* One-third of the offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

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 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You, #4 (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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For the Beauty of the Earth, #28

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies, For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of thee night, Hill and vale and free and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thought and mild, God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude, For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed. God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

On Eagle's Wings

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You, #4

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All you works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays, Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed, Wellspring of the the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you; Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; Boundless love is reigning o'er us, reconciling race and clan. Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.

BIND US TOGETHER

Words and Music by BOB GILLMAN Em7 A7 D G/A A7 % F#m7 Em7 Bm7 bind Bind to - geth - er, Lord, us to geth - er with Em7 A7 A7 D G/A G/A that be bro ken. cords can - not Em7 F#m7 Bm7 Em7 Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to -



On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas



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