

ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 13, 2022

Order of Service for the Worship of God
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music

Becky Cain, Accompanist
Bethany Bevier, Guitar

Welcome

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Call to Worship:

Cinda S, Liturgist (responsive)
The God of new beginnings,
begins with us here in this place.
The God of re-creation,
re-creates dead-ends into new living.
The God of dreams,
dreams in us a new world.
The God of wholeness,
brings a new kind of harmony into this world.
The God of vision,
envisions new possibilities in us.
Come, let us worship our wondrous God.

Musical Response

In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified Bob Kilpatrick
In my life Lord be glorified, be glorified
In my life Lord, be glorified today.
In Your church Lord be glorified, be glorified
In Your church Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer for Transformation

Affirmation of Grace

Opening Song #403, *My Hope is Built on Nothing Else* (music after order of service)

Scripture Readings **Psalm 98** (responsive)

re-imagined by Ray Jordan in Living Psalms Book, UCC Witness & Worship Artists' Group

Open your mouth and bellow a new song. A song that only your heart can sing.

For God has done marvelous things

God is strong and we are safe. We are protected by God's strength; the nations are strengthened by God's justice.

For God has done marvelous things

God's love extends to all. God's faithfulness reaches to the ends of the earth.

For God has done marvelous things

Let us celebrate the God of our faith. Let us live the faith of our ancestors.

Tell the world! Throw a party!

For God has done marvelous things

Crank up the music! Bring in the dancing! Let your voice do the praising and your feet do the testifying.

For God has done marvelous things

The whole earth praises our God! The sea can't keep quiet. The rivers applaud God's greatness, and the mountains shout for joy!

For God has done marvelous things

The safest place to be is in the arms of our loving God. For, God sees all. God knows all and God bring justice to all!

For God has done marvelous things

Luke 21:5-19, NRSV

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Sermon "The Opportunity to Testify"

Quiet Meditation

Song

Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert,
But you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
And all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

REFRAIN: Be not afraid.

I go before you always.

Come, follow me and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
You shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,

St. Louis Jesuits

You shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell,
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all

REFRAIN: Blessed are your poor,
For the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
For one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
All because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you!

REFRAIN:

Prayers of the People

Musical response:

God, listen to your children praying.
God, send your Spirit in the place;
God, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Sung response after each prayer petition:

God, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Prayer of Jesus

Our Loving God in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the dominion, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Time, Talent and Treasure

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Musical Offering

Doxology #778 (music in hymnal)
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. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song #526, *Siyahamb' We are Marching in the Light of God* (after order of service)

Benediction

Sending Song	<i>Wherever You Go</i>	Barbara Hamm
	Wherever you go, God is with you; Wherever you go, God is there. Wherever you go, what ever you do You are in God's care.	Wherever we go, God is with us; Wherever we go, God is there. Wherever we go, what ever we do We are in God's care.

Hospitality Hour

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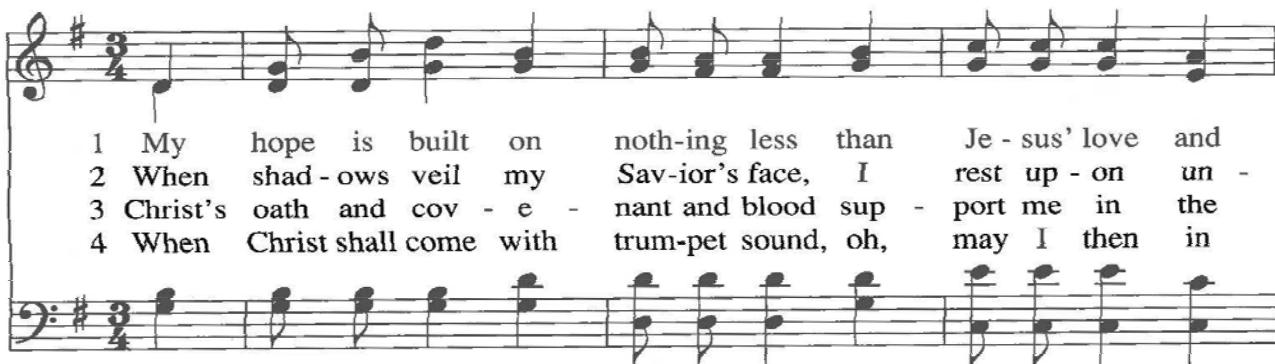
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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Matt. 7:24-27; 1 Cor. 3:11; Heb. 6:19; Rev. 11:15

Edward Mote, c. 1834; alt.



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' love and
 2 When shad - ows veil my Sav-ior's face, I rest up - on un -
 3 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the
 4 When Christ shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in

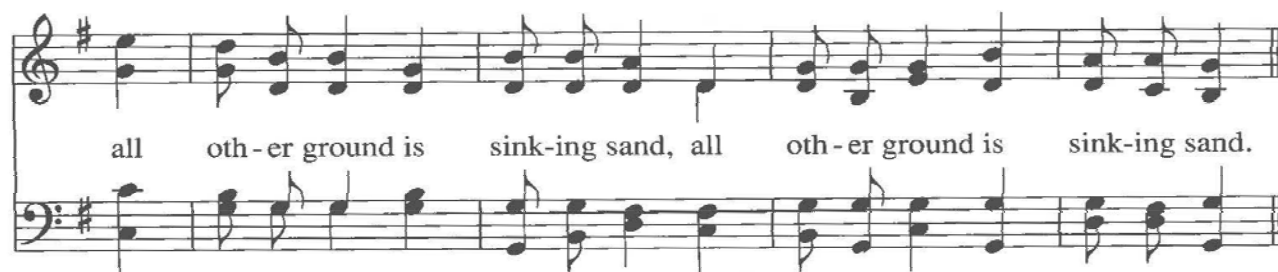


righ-teous-ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but
 chang-ing grace; In ev - cry high and storm - y gale, my
 ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ
 Love be found, Dressed in God's righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -



Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an-chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.



all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

William Bradbury met great success by composing hymn tunes and religious songs in a lively, popular style. He also helped establish music programs in New York public schools, served a church, and co-founded a piano company.

Tune: SOLID ROCK L.M. with refrain
 William B. Bradbury, 1863

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

(We Are Marching in the Light of God)

Ps. 89:15

South African freedom song; transl. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos', si - ya -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are

hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen-khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -
kha - nyen' kwen-khos', light of God. We are march-ing, march-ing, we are
light of God. the light of God.

Oo, si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos'.
ham - ba, ham - ba, march-ing, Oo, march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God.

Last time, end

This South African song and fourteen others were first recorded and published in 1980 by the Church of Sweden Mission and the singing group "Fjedur" after a visit they made to South Africa. The subsequent 1984 collection *Freedom Is Coming* brought the songs to a worldwide audience.

Tune: SIYAHAMBA Irr.
South African song