



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 15, 2023

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering Music

Becky Cain, Accompanist

Bethany Bevier, Guitar

Welcome

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Call to Worship

Penny M, Liturgist (responsive)

(with gratitude to Ruth Moody and the Wailin' Jennys)

There are no words for what this testimony means

only the wonder at how it feels like grace.

We celebrate the prophets and visionaries;

in story and song, we awaken to the sound of one voice.

There is no way to know what this following will take

only the hope that it is leading us deeper into the heart of love.

We cherish the risk-takers and the tide-turners:

in prayer and praise, we witness to the sound of voices two.

There is no telling when the struggle will end,

only the faith in a future we cannot yet behold.

We become the movement and the liberation:

in worship and wrestling, we create the sound of all of us.

Sung Response

Gather Us, O God

Monica Brown

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Gath-er us, O God,

A D

Bod - y, spir - it, soul and mind. Gath - er

Em G D

us, O God, one in un - ion now with you.

Prayer for Transformation

Words of Grace

Opening Song*All Are Welcome*

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ
shall end divisions.

Refrain:

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house
where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.

Refrain

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,

Marty Haugen

Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ
the feast that frees us.

Refrain

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.

Refrain

Let us build a house
where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim
from floor to rafter.

Refrain

for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength--
he says,
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

John 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (translated as Peter).

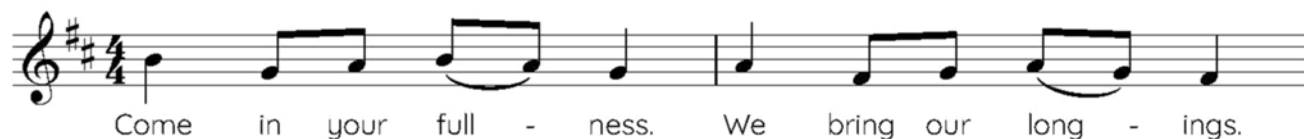
Sermon “All In: Come and See”

Quiet Meditation

Song *Rain Down* *Jaime Cortez; based on Psalm 33* (last page)

Prayers of the People

Sung Prayer Response *Hear Our Prayer* Ross Langmead



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Announcements *Use Zoom chat to make an announcement*

Offering Invitation

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. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song *They'll Know We Are Christians* Fr. Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity
may one day be restored.

Refrain:
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,

We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is
in our land. **Refrain**

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity and save human
pride. **Refrain**

Benediction

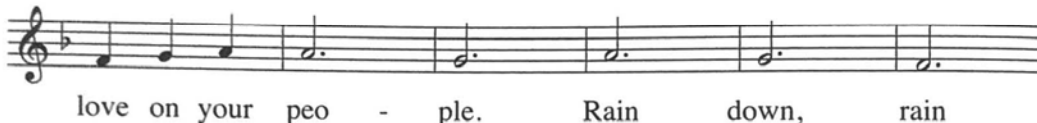
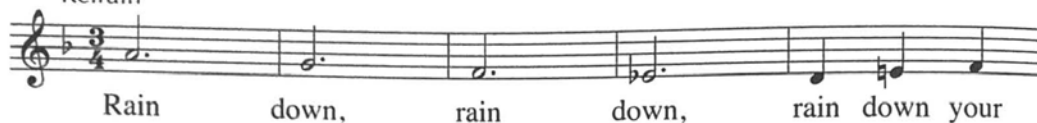
Sending Song *Peace I Leave with You* Gerard DeMann

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you.
Let not your heart by trouble, neither let it be afraid.
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you.
Not as the world gives, I give my peace to you.

Hospitality Hour

Rain Down

Refrain



Verses



1. Faith - ful and true is the word of our God.
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth;



All of God's works are so wor - thy of trust.
live in the kind - ness and joy of God's wing.
you are the wa - ter of life that we thirst.



God's mer - cy falls on the just and the right;
God will pro - tect us from dark - ness and death;
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,



full of God's love is the earth.
God will not leave us to starve.
all of our hope lies in you.

Order of Worship Subject to Change
Music Covered by One License.net #A-7 10529
Service Prayers written by Dr. Sharon R. Fennema,
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