

ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 29, 2023

Order of Service for the Worship of God

New Member Sunday

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering Music Becky Cain, Accompanist
Bethany Bevier, Guitar

Welcome Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Call to Worship Cinda S, Liturgist (responsive)
(inspired by Psalm 15)

Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Those who do justice. Those who confront inequities and uplift the oppressed.

Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Those who love kindness. Those who love neighbor, friend and foe.

Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Those who walk humbly with you. Those who follow your lead and answer your call.

Sung Response *Gather Us, O God* Monica Brown

♩=42

Gath-er us, O God,
Bod - y, spir - it, soul and mind. Gath - er
us, O God, one in un - ion now with you.

Prayer for Transformation

Words of Grace

Opening Song *Gather Us In* Marty Haugen (music at end)

Scripture Reading Micah 6:1-8 NRSV

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Anthem *Break Forth in Joy* Dave and Jean Perry Alki UCC Choir

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12 NRSV

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

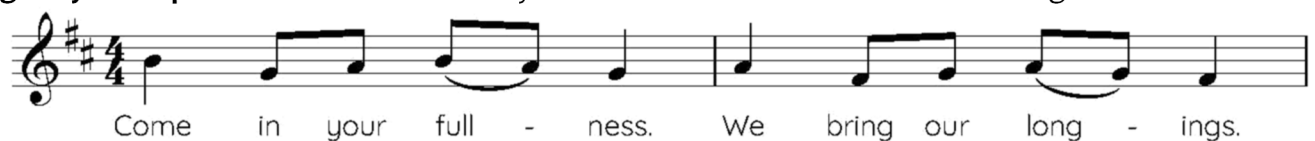
Sermon “All In: Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly”

Quiet Meditation

Song #539, *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant* (music at end)

Prayers of the People

Sung Prayer Response *Hear Our Prayer* Ross Langmead



Baptism of Chloe SheaThomas

Congregational Assent: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

We promise our love, support, and care.

Prayer for the Baptized: We give you thanks, O Holy One, mother and father of us all, for this your child and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as your children in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend this new member of the body of Christ.

Give to the newly baptized: strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

Reception of New Members

Joe M

Chloe and Matthew T

Rev. Emily and Brett, Eva and Day

Ann P

Denis B

Do you, the members of Alki United Church of Christ, receive these people into full membership of this church?

We do! We gladly welcome you into this community of faith, enfolding you with our love and committing ourselves to your care. It is in our relationship with one another, as well as in our worship, study, and service, that the life of this church is built. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ, courageously sharing God's love with each other and the world.

Baptism Renewal

Rev. Emily and Cinda S

The Body of Christ continues to be renewed and refreshed. As members, we belong to the baptized and covenantal life in Christ. Let us affirm our faith and renew our commitments as followers of Jesus.

UCC Statement of Faith in the form of a Doxology (unison)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the

powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

John the Baptist told his disciples that he baptized them with water but the one to come would baptize with the Holy Spirit. As we receive the mark of our renewed baptismal vows, we recognize the movement of the Holy Spirit within us and among us.

Prayer for the Baptized

Time, Talent and Treasure

Online: Please donate generously through alkiucc.org, through a mailed donation to the church office or through text-to-give by texting the word "AlkiUCC" to 44321; a donation link will come back to you. Your support for Alki is more important now than ever as Alki UCC seeks to be a prophetic voice for all people in the year ahead.

Announcements *(please use Zoom chat for your announcement)*

Celebration for January Birthdays

Offering Invitation

Musical Offering

Doxology 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: *Here I Am, Lord* Daniel L. Schutte

Benediction

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Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany written by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for
Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.
Portions of today's service are recorded for posting on Alki UCC's YouTube channel.

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Gather Us In

D A C G

1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
 2. We are the young — our lives are a mys - t'ry,
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
 4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,

Gm Dm C G D A

now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way, see in this space our
 we are the old — who yearn for your face, we have been sung through -
 here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your
 not in some heav - en, light-years a - way, but here in this place the

C G Gm Dm C

fears and our dream - ings, brought here to you in the light of this
 out all of his - t'ry, called to be light to the whole hu - man
 sons and your daugh - ters, call us a - new to be salt for the
 new light is shin - ing, now is the King - dom, now is the

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GATHER US IN
 Irregular

CALLED TO GOD'S MISSION

D C B \flat D A C

day. _____
 race. _____
 earth. _____
 day. _____

Gath - er us in — the
 Gath - er us in — the
 Give us to drink the
 Gath - er us in and

D G A A C D G A

lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in — the blind and the lame;
 rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in — the proud and the strong;
 wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
 hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and make us your own;

D A C G Gm Dm

call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en, we shall a - rise at the
 give us a heart so meek and so low - ly, give us the cour - age to
 nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion lives that are ho - ly and
 gath - er us in — all peo - ples to - geth - er, fire of love in our

C D C B \flat D

sound of our name. _____
 en - ter the song. _____
 hearts that are true. _____
 flesh and our bone. _____

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

539

Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.



HERE I AM, LORD

TEXT: BASED ON ISAIAH 6.

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
DANIEL L. SCHUTTE

MODERATE TEMPO, WITH MAJESTY ♩ = CA. 80

VERSE

G C/G G C/G G D

1. I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY, I HAVE HEARD MY PEO-PL E CRY.
2. I, THE LORD OF SNOW AND RAIN, I HAVE BORNE MY PEO-PL E'S PAIN.
3. I, THE LORD OF WIND AND FLAME, I WILL TEND THE PE R AND LAME.

5 G Em Am7 G/B C Am Am7/G D/F# D/C G/B D/A

ALL WHO DWELL IN DARK AND SIN MY HAND WILL SAVE.
I WEPT FOR LOVE OF THEM. THEY TURN A - WAY.
I WILL SET A FEAST FOR THEM. MY HAND WILL SAVE.

10 G C/G G C/G G D

I, WHO MADE THE STARS OF NIGHT, I WILL MAKE THEIR DARK-NESS BRIGHT.
I WILL BREAK THEIR HEARTS OF STONE, GIVE THEM HEARTS FOR LOVE A - LONE.
FIN-EST BREAD I WILL PRO-VIDE TILL THEIR HEARTS BE SAT - IS - FIED.

14 G Em Am7 G/B C Am G/B C D D/F#
MOLTO RIT.

WHO WILL BEAR MY LIGHT TO THEM? } WHOM SHALL I SEND? _____ HERE I
I WILL SPEAK MY WORD TO THEM.
I WILL GIVE MY LIFE TO THEM.

REFRAIN

19 G Gsus4 G Gsus4 G C/E C/D G Gsus4 G
A TEMPO

AM, LORD. _____ IS IT I, LORD? _____ I HAVE HEARD YOU
GO, LORD, _____ IF YOU LEAD ME. _____ I WILL HOLD YOUR

24 1.3.5. 2.4.6.
Am7 G/B C D D/F# Am7 D Gsus4
RIT. RIT. A TEMPO

CALL-ING IN THE NIGHT. _____ I WILL PEO-PL E IN MY HEART. _____

29 G Gsus4 G Gsus4 G MAJ7/F# C/E D Dsus2 D/F# G
2.4. D.C. FINAL TIME