



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 7, 2023

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Communion Sunday

Gathering Music

DJ Wilson, Interim Music Director

Welcome

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Call to Worship

Julia P, Liturgist

Sung Response

Holy Ground

G. Davis

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all aaround.

Let us praise Jesus now.

We are standing in God's presence on holy ground.

Prayer for Transformation

Words of Grace

Opening Song

#475, *His Eye is on the Sparrow*

(music at end)

Scripture Readings

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

Re-imagined by Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

I am folded into the hammock of your love;
Shame has no home here;
I emerge into your light.

You bend to listen;
Your ear brushes my cheek;
You return me to solid ground.

You are my rock, my home;
I rest here,
And from here you guide me.

You tumble me out of trouble;
Your strength is within me.

And at the last, I say, Here I am.
You've changed me, evolved me, transformed me.
Truth Incarnate.

I settle into your palm;
You nestle me to your heart;
Keep me close.

Shine your kindness into me
Until I glow from the inside out

John 14:1-14**NRSV**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?"

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Sermon "Hammock Chats"

Quiet Meditation

Song *Breathe on Me* Stephen M. Austin (music at end)

Prayers of the People

Time, Talent and Treasure

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Announcements (please post announcements in the Zoom chat)
Celebrations (those who have May birthdays/anniversaries are invited to let us know through Zoom chat)

Song #775, *Eagles Wings*
And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hands.

Offering Invitation

Musical Offering *I Still Have Joy* Traditional, arr. Amidon Alki UCC Choir

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

Holy Communion

Invitation

Song *Come to the Table of Grace* Barbara Hamm

Come to the table of grace (2X)
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine
Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace ...
Come to the table of love ...
Come to the table of joy ...

Communion Prayer

Sharing of the meal

You are invited to join communion with your own bread and cup. Please hold the elements until all have been served. We will partake of the meal together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song *Like A Healing Stream* Bruce Harding (music at end)

Benediction

Sung Benediction *Peace I Leave with You, My Friend*

Refrain: *Peace I leave with you, my friends,
Shalom, my peace, in all you do.
Peace I leave with you, my friends,
I give to you so you can give to others, too.*

*To share God's love is why I came,
to show God's kindness without end.
Go now, my friends, and do the same,
until I come again. (repeat refrain)*

Postlude *Holy Ground* G. Davis, Arr. Hayes

Hospitality Hour



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God's Eye Is on the Sparrow

Matt. 10:26-30; Luke 12:4-7

Civilla D. Martin, c. 1905; alt.

Stanzas, in unison

1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, why should the shad-ows come,
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," Christ's ten-der word I hear,
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,

Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and
 And rest-ing on God's good-ness, I lose my doubts and
 When song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me

home, fears; dies, When God is ev-er my por-tion? My
 Though by the path . . . God leads me but
 I then draw close to my Sav-ior, from

con-stant friend will be: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 one step I may see: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 care I am set free: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

Civilla Martin, a native of Nova Scotia, assisted her husband in his evangelistic campaigns. Charles Gabriel was editor for Rodeheaver Publishing Company, Chicago, and one of the most popular gospel songwriters of the early 1900s.

Tune: SPARROW Irr.
 Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

Refrain, in harmony

know God watch-es me. I sing be - cause I'm
 know God watch-es me. I sing be - cause I'm
 know God watch-es me. I sing be - cause I'm

hap - py, I sing be - cause I'm free, God's
 I'm hap - py, I'm free,

eye is on the spar - row, and I know God watch-es me.

GATHER

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Breathe On Me

♩ = 84



1. Breathe on me, O breath of God.
 2. Shine on me, O light of God.
 1. Breathe in me, O breath of God.
 2. Shine in me, O light of God.



Grant your life to me.
 Grant that I may see.
 Grant your life to me.
 Grant that I may see.



Make of me a rush - ing wind, come and
 Make of me a liv - ing light, come and
 Make of me a rush - ing wind, come and
 Make of me a liv - ing light, come and

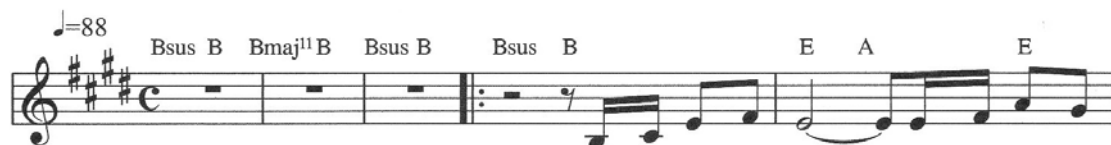


breathe on me. Come and breathe on me.
 shine on me. Come and shine on me.
 breathe in me. Come and breathe in me.
 shine in me. Come and shine in me.

Use "in us/of us" in place of "in me/of me" for additional versatility.

Like a Healing Stream

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1. Like a heal-ing stream_ in a bar-ren
2. Like a gen-tle rain_ on a thirs-ty
3. Like a ri-ver strong_ with a rest-less
4. Like a migh-ty sea_ reach-ing far hor-



des-ert, Spir-it wat-er bring-ing life_ to dus-ty
 gar-den, Spir-it wat-er come to nour-ish ti-ny
 cur-rent, Spir-it wat-er rush-ing on_ to dis-tant
 -i-zons, Spir-it wat-er with a love_ both deep and



earth, God is trick-ling through our lives as in a dream un-fold-ing,
 seed, God is bub-bling through the soil_ to coax a new cre-a-tion,
 shore, God is carv-ing out a chan-nel in a new di-rec-tion,
 wide, God is work-ing in our hearts to shape a new to-mor-row:



pro-mis-ing re-viv-al and re-birth_ like a heal-ing stream.
 yearn-ing for an end_ to want and need_ like a gen-tle rain.
 call-ing for an end to hate and war_ like a riv-er strong.
 God will al-ways chal-lenge and pro-vide!_ Like a might-y



sea, like a ri-ver strong, like a gen-tle rain, like a heal-ing stream.