



## ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 14, 2023

### Order of Service for the Worship of God Sixth Sunday of Easter

|                        |                               |   |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Gathering Music</b> | You Are My All in All         | Jernigan, arr. Hayes<br>DJ Wilson, Interim Music Director |
| <b>Welcome</b>         | Bruce Wilson, Visiting Pastor |   |
| <b>Call to Worship</b> | Rev. Penny M, Liturgist       | (responsive)  |

Creator God, you call us.

**We say, yes, to your invitation and we gather as one to worship you.**

Creator God, you invite us to stay with you.

**You never leave us, you never forsake us, you abide with us, and we gather as one to worship you.**

Creator God, you love us.

**Extravagant is your welcome, great is your faithfulness, your grace overflows, and we gather as one to worship you.**

#### Sung Response

Holy Ground Geron 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** We come in boldness and in brokenness Loving God. We come in repentance asking for your grace and mercy for the indifference we do towards you and our neighbor. Many times, we have failed to keep your commandments to love you above all and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Give us the grace to abide in you as you remain abiding in us that we may live as Christ lives in this world.

**Words of Grace** God whose goodness and mercy chase after us, finds us, and gathers us like a mother hen gathering her chicks. Under her wings, God covers us with God's grace and holds us close declaring, "My child you are forgiven. Come back to me for you are loved." Amen.

**Opening Song** #256, We Live By Faith and Not By Sight (music at end)

**Scripture Reading** John 14: 15-21 NRSV

*"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.*

*"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."*

**Anthem** The 23 Psalm Bobby McFerrin Alki UCC Choir

**Sermon** "Healing with a Promise"

## 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)

## 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** May these gifts be our testimony of our faithfulness to you,  
Abiding God, even as we offer to you all that we are and all that we  
have for your glory, honor, and praise. Amen.

**Closing Song** #476, *How Can I Keep From Singing* (music at end)

## Benediction

**Sung Benediction** *Peace I Leave with You My Friends*

**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



*Our hearts are with Pastor Emily and family as she begins her medical leave this week. While she is away, we welcome Rev. Bruce Wilson as our Visiting Pastor.*



**Reverend Bruce Wilson** is a psychotherapist and board-certified chaplain. In 2020, Bruce decided to leave full time hospital chaplaincy and pursue a career as a licensed mental health counselor.

Bruce recently has been invited to teach as adjunct faculty at Tacoma's Pacific Lutheran University University of Puget Sound. He has taught Human Behavior, Psychology 101, Group Psychotherapy and Career Development, and will be teaching again this fall. Bruce serves on the Committee on Ministry for the PNCUCC and fills in pulpits from time to time.

Bruce is looking forward to coming back to Alki UCC where he interned and spent the summer of 2018 filling in as pulpit supply.

# We Live by Faith and Not by Sight

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*Henry Alford, 1844; alt.**John 20:24-29**Unison*

1 We live by faith and not by sight;  
 2 We may not touch Christ's hands and side,  
 3 Help then, O Christ, our un - be - lief;  
 4 That, when our life of faith is done,

no gra-cious words we hear From Christ who spoke as  
 nor fol-low where Christ trod; But in con-fess-ing  
 and may our faith a-bound To call on you when  
 in realms of clear-er light We may be-hold you

none e'er spoke, who still we know is near.  
 we re-joice: our Sav-ior and our God!  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 as you are, with full and end-less sight.

*As dean of Canterbury, Henry Alford exemplified ecumenism by working closely with non-Anglican groups. He promoted New Testament scholarship with his famous commentary on the Greek New Testament, one of fifty books he published during his lifetime.*

Tune: DUNLAP'S CREEK C.M.  
*Samuel McFarland, c. 1816*  
*Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986*

## Breathe On Me

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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 rushing wind, come and  
 Make of me a living light, come and  
 Make of me a rushing wind, come and  
 Make of me a living 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.



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# My Life Flows on in Endless Song

(How Can I Keep from Singing)

*Ps. 46:1-7; 1 Cor. 3:21-23; 2 Cor. 5:17*

*Anon. in Bright Jewels for the Sunday School,  
ed. Robert Lowry, 1869; alt.  
St. 3, Doris Plenn, c. 1957*

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -  
 2 What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is  
 3 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells  
 4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -

ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that  
 liv - ing. What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A  
 ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how  
 bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since

hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult  
 new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my  
 can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and  
 first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes

and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It  
 in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since  
 dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When  
 fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All

finds an ech - o in my soul— how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 Love com - mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 things are mine since I am Christ's— how can I keep from sing - ing?