



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 21, 2023

Order of Service for the Worship of God Seventh Sunday of Easter

Gathering Music *We Worship and Adore You/Unknown*
DJ Wilson, Interim Music Director

Welcome Cinda S

Call to Worship Jeff D, Liturgist (responsive)
Who made this beautiful day?
We believe the God, the Creator, made this day –
God made this day so we can rest, and reflect, and enjoy;
God made this day so we can open our eyes and see beauty,
And see pain, and see opportunity,
And to see and know hope.
So let us go into this day with our eyes and hearts wide open,
Let us worship God!

Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good,"
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Sung Response *Holy Ground* Geron Davis
We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in God's presence on holy ground.

Prayer for Transformation Rev. Penny Matthews

Words of Grace

Opening Song #402, *De Colores* (music at end)

Scripture Reading **Romans 15:13** *The Message*

"Oh! May the God of green hope fill you up with joy, fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives, filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope!"

Luke 24: 1-11

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two figures that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the angels said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here: He has risen!" When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

Sermon "The Women at the Tomb and the Gospel of Hope" Cinda S
an essay by Rev. Jim Wallis published in Sojourners Magazine April 201

Quiet Meditation

Song #206, *A Woman Came Who Did Not Count The Cost* (music at end)

Prayers of the People Rev. Penny Matthews

Time, Talent and Treasure

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Announcements (please post announcements in the Zoom chat)

Offering Invitation

Musical Offering #488, *Be Still, My Soul*

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 #44, *Beautiful Jesus* (music at end)

Benediction Rev. Penny Matthews

Sung Benediction #82, *Go My Children* v1, 2

Postlude *Be Still and Know with Be Still, My Soul* Arr. Hayes

Hospitality Hour

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Our hearts are with Pastor Emily and family as she continues her medical leave through mid-June. While she is away, we welcome Rev. Bruce Wilson as our Visiting Pastor. Pastor Bruce returns to the pulpit next Sunday.

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De colores

(Sing of Colors)

Mexican folk song

Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1995

A A7 D

1 De co - lo - res, de co - lo - res se vis - ten los
 1 Sing of col - ors, sing of col - ors that o - ver the
 2 Sing, re - joic - ing! Ev - ery crea - ture that breathes raise a

Em

cam - pos en la pri - ma - ve - ra. De co -
 hills in pro - fu - sion are spring - ing; Sing of
 song to the God of cre - a - tion. Sing, re -

A7 A9 Em7 A7(#11) A7

lo - res, de co - lo - res son los pa - ja - ri - tos que vie - nen de a -
 col - ors of the birds that fly out - side my win - dow their can - ti - cles
 joic - ing! Sing to God who so ear - nest - ly cares, who has of - fered sal -

D D A7 D

fue - ra. De co - lo - res, de co -
 sing - ing; Sing of col - ors, in the
 va - tion. Sing the good news! Sing the

A Woman Came Who Did Not Count the Cost

Mark 14:3-9

Richard D. Leach, 1990

Unison

B7sus4 B7 E G#m C#m F#m D

1 A wom-an came who did not count the cost of do - ing what she
 2 Some on - ly saw what she had spent— “Why such a waste with poor to
 3 You give as she, sur - pris - ing - ly, you give with beau - ty as she

Bm B7 E G#m C#m7

could, She broke an al - a - bas - ter flask, and sweet-ness
 feed?” They served the poor well with their tongues! But she had
 gave, You give as she, not hold - ing back, you make us

F#m7 B7sus4 E *Refrain* Bm

spilled on Je - sus’ head.
 done a love - ly deed. O God, you are the A - noint - ing
 Christ - like with your love.

Em G D B7

One who does not count your pas - sion’s cost, And when we

E G#m C#m7 F#m7 B7sus4 E

gath - er you will spill the sweet-ness of your grace on us.

Beautiful Jesus

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Münster Gesangbuch, 1677
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993



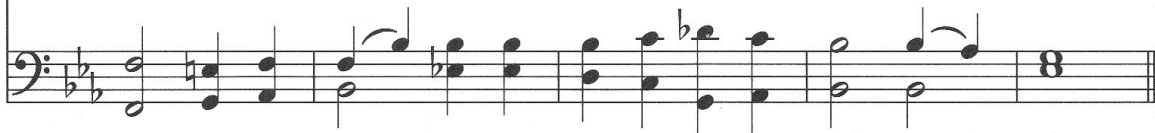
1 Beau - ti - ful Je - sus, Head of all cre - a - tion,
2 Beau - ti - ful spring - time, love - ly, green, and hope - ful,
3 Beau - ti - ful sun - shine, clear, so love - ly, moon - light,
4 All earth - ly beau - ty, all ce - les - tial ra - diance



God and the bless - ed Mar - y's child: I want to love you,
all earth ex - hales its sweet per - fume: Je - sus is sweet - er,
stars shine like an - gels, ranked through space: Je - sus shines bright - er,
fade when com - pared to Je - sus' face. Let me not cher - ish



praise and a - dore you, joy of my soul, so long de - sired.
Je - sus is pur - er, sad hearts at this, re - joice and bloom.
Je - sus shines clear - er, in per - fect beau - ty, love, and grace.
beau - ties that per - ish; let me this love - ly good em - brace.



1 Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; bear pa-tient-
2 Be still, my soul: for God will un-der-take to guide in
3 Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here when we shall

ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to
fu-ture days as in the past. Your hope, your con-fi-
be with God whom we a-dore, with dis-ap-point-ment

or-der and pro-vide; in ev-ery change God
dence let noth-ing shake; all now mys-te-rious
gone, no grief nor fear, sor-row re-placed with

faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul: your best e-ter-nal
shall be clear at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
joy for-ev-er-more. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

friend through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
know how Je-sus' pow-er ruled them long a-go.
past, all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983, 1990; alt.

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;
2 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

Wak - ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here with ten - der com - fort stilled you;

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.