

### ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST May 28, 2023

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Gathering Music Shout to the Lord Zschech

DJ Wilson, Interim Music Director

**Welcome** Rev. Bruce Wilson, Visiting Pastor

**Call to Worship** Brett Tamis-Likkel, Liturgist (responsive)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place.

Today, followers of the Way gather in many places, From Jerusalem to Galilee, from Pago Pago to Apia. From Rome to Arabia, from Las Vegas to Cleveland.

God's Spirit still blows like a mighty wind

**Breathing new life into the sails of our canoes.** God's Spirit still burns like tongues of flame

Dancing over the heads.

God's Spirit still flows like currents of living water Connecting hearts and islands of all believers.

Praise God! Praise God!

Let us worship God, from whom all life's blessings flow!

**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** God of oceans and land and all life contained therein. You created this world by the power of your word. By your own hands and breath, you formed humankind in every conceivable shade of brown. You gave us islands and continents as a gift and charged us to be the stewards of what you have made.

Creator God, we have failed you and abused your gift to us. We have offended you and defiled your creation, including seeing fellow human beings as being less than created in your very image. Forgive us for betraying your trust. Forgive us for our greed and arrogance.

Hear the cries of islands drowning in the rising seas, oceans that rise with the melting of the ice.

Hear the cries of our world in distress through storm and drought.

God of Life, heal your wounded earth. Embolden us to choose the path that leads to life. so that we may renew your Shalom in land, sea, and sky. This we ask in the name of the one who came that we way have life in abundance, your Son, our Savior Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**Words of Grace** God's love does not belong to one person or group of people. God's love and forgiveness is available to all, even those who do not ask for it. You can also be agents of God's love and healing, so let us strive to receive and give this gift of God's restoration with Creation and with each other. Be God's love and healing for people and planet. Amen.

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

Scripture Reading John 7:37-39 NRSV

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Anthem My Heart Is Ready Cindy Kallet, arr. Amidon Alki UCC Choir

**Sermon** "Healing Through the Spirit and Baptism" Rev. Bruce Wilson

**Quiet Meditation** 

**Song** #286, Spirit of Gentleness (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 My Heart is Ready Kallet, arr. Amidon

**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 #282, Every time I Feel the Spirit (music at end)

**Benediction** 

**Sung Benediction** #281 Come, Holy Spirit (music at end)

**Postlude** You Are My All in All Jernigan, arr. Hayes

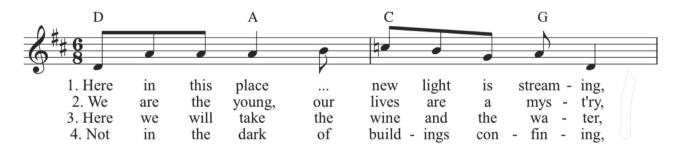
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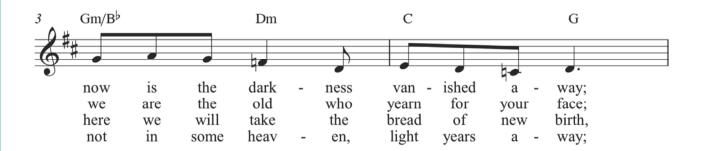
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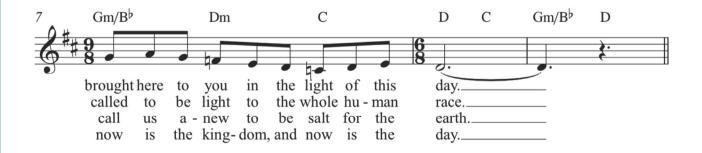
## Gather Us In

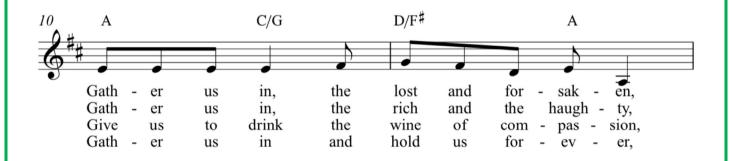
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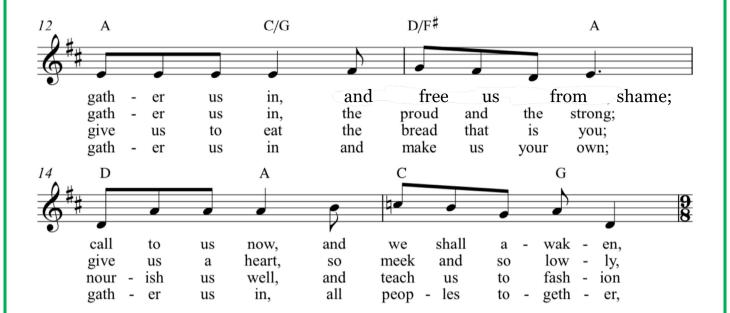


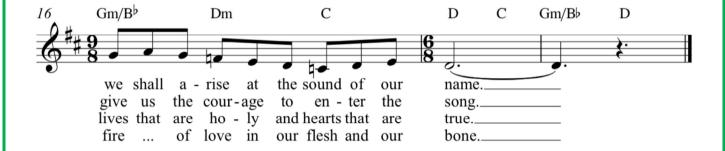












#### HYMNS OF THE SPIRIT Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness 286 Unison, brightly James K. Manley, 1978; alt. Refrain Dsus4 spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the Spir it, E7 Asus7 A7 Bm call - ing free, wil der-ness, and G Dsus4 Spir it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from Last time, end A7 Bm plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea. D You called to the moved on the you wa

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# Every Time I Feel the Spirit



Among the thousands of spirituals that exist today are songs of gladness and songs of sorrow. This well-known spiritual is a song of joy, captured not only in the words, but in the lively rhythms.

Tune: African-American spiritual Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992



including some made by John Wesley on theological grounds.

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