



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 3, 2023

Order of Service for the Worship of God Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost with Communion

Prelude

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Gathering Music

Unraveling Toon

DJ Wilson

DJ Wilson, Interim Music Director

Refrain:

Unravel, unravel, unraveling Toon.

A folk song way to look at what's true.

Soon we'll be able to see, As soon as we unravel.

Verse:

Crossover, cross under, crossover, repeat.

Open up spaces, open up times,

open up ideas yours and mine.

Welcome

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

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

Call to Worship

John C, Liturgist

Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself,

For God loves us just as we are.

Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself,

**For all of us is welcome here — scars and fears, depression and doubt,
hope and joy, light and laughter.**

Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself.

For God longs to be with us, so let us worship the God of love.

Opening Song

Be Not Afraid

Bob Dufford

(music at end)

Prayer for Transformation

Words of Grace

Scripture

Mark 5:1-20

They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs, and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain, for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces, and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him, and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"

Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the region. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding, and the unclean spirits begged him, “Send us into the swine; let us enter them.” So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine, and the herd, numbering about two thousand, stampeded down the steep bank into the sea and were drowned in the sea.

The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the man possessed by demons sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion, and they became frightened. Those who had seen what had happened to the man possessed by demons and to the swine reported it. Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused and said to him, “Go home to your own people, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and what mercy he has shown you.” And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone was amazed.

Sermon “Coming Home”

Quiet Meditation

Song Open My Eyes Jesse Manibusan & Rufino Zaragoza

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1. O - pen my_ eyes, Lord. Help me to see your_

2. O - pen my_ ears, Lord. Help me to hear your_

3. O - pen my_ heart, Lord. Help me to love like_

4. I live with - in you. Deep in your heart, O_

face. O - pen my_ eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

voice. O - pen my_ ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

you. O - pen my_ heart, Lord. Help me to love.

Love. I live with - in you. Rest now in me.

Prayers of the People

Time, Talent and Treasure

Announcements

Please post announcements in Zoom chat.

Celebrations

Let us know via Zoom chat if you have a birthday or other celebration in September!

Song

Eagle's 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

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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

Holy Communion and Anointing

Invitation

Musical Response

Communion Prayer

Blessing the Elements and Oil

Sharing the Meal *Join us with your home-prepared Bread and Cup.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song *#337, Draw me in the Spirit's Tether* (music at end)

Benediction

Postlude *Come Just as You Are* Joseph Sabolick



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BE NOT AFRAID

BOB DUFFORD, S.J.

REFRAIN

BE NOT A FRAID I GO BE-FORE YOU AL-WAYS.
COME FOL-LOW ME AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

Chords: G, D, Em, A, G, C, Bm, Em, Am, D7, G, C, G, C, G, G

FINE TO VERSES 1,2,3

1. YOU SHALL CROSS THE BAR-REN
DES-ERT, BUT YOU SHALL NOT DIE OF THIRST, YOU SHALL WAN-DER FAR IN

Chords: G, D, C, C, C, D7, G

SAFE TY, THOUGH YOU DO NOT KNOW THE WAY, YOU SHALL SPEAK YOUR WORDS IN

Chords: C, C, D7, G

FOR-EIGN LANDS AND ALL WILL UN-DER STAND. YOU SHALL SEE THE

Chords: Em, Am, C, D7, G

FACE OF GOD AND LIVE.

Chords: D7

TO REFRAIN

2. IF YOU



BLESS-ED BLESS-ED ARE YOU!

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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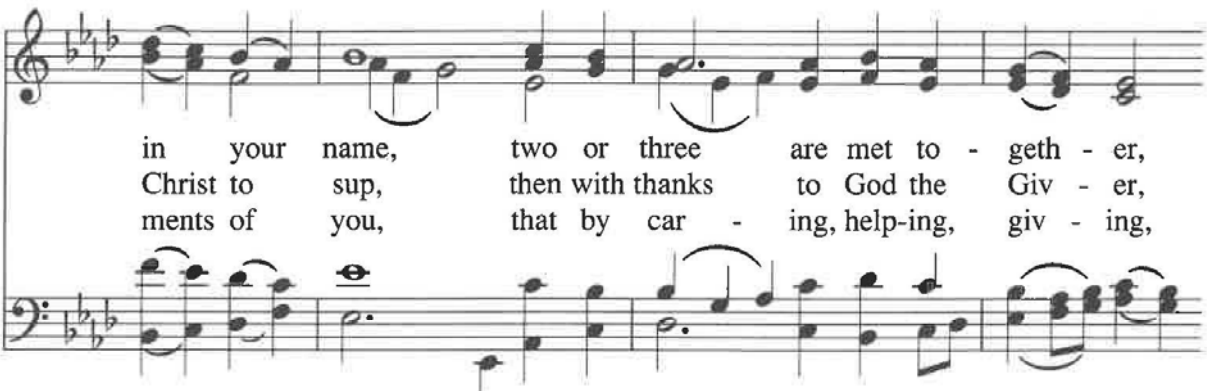
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Matt. 18:20

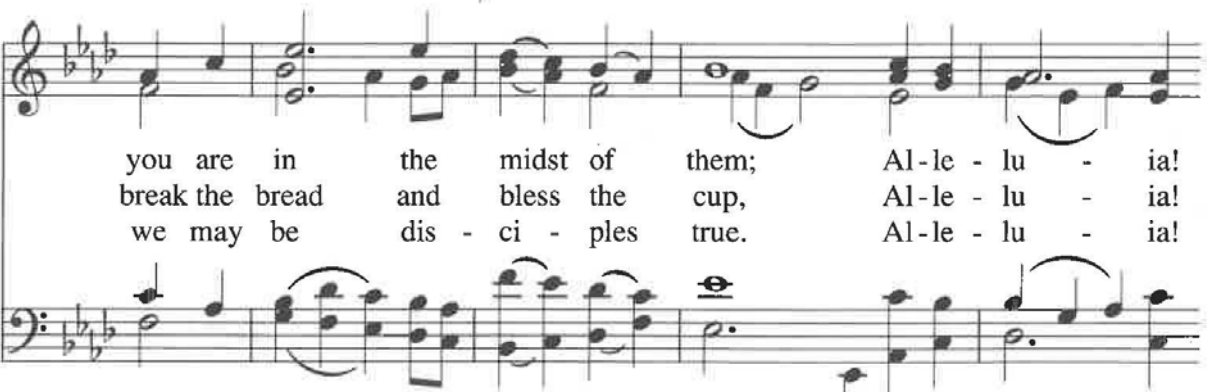
Unison



1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name, two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Giv - er,
ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them; Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We may serve with faith a - new.