



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 19, 2023

Order of Service

for the Worship of God

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Gathering Music

Prelude

Felix Blumenfeld

Stephen Anthony Rawson, Music Director

Prelude

#347, *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Fred Kaan and Doreen Potter

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

Bonita C, Liturgist

(responsive)

(by Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel, Inspired by Psalm 90:1-12)

Holy One, we have nestled into your love all these years.

Even before the wonder of evolution,

Or the awesome splendor of creation,

In all time and space, you hold us.

The spirals of death and life surround us,

Our attempts to push and pull at time are futile;

We want to live well, to leave a mark.

You know our fears.

This day, this moment, it matters.

We lean into your wisdom.

We exhale--

You are still here.

Opening Song

#3, *Wakantanka Taku Nitawa (Many and great, O God)*

Dakota Hymn

Prayer for Transformation

Words of Grace

Scripture

Matthew 25:14-30

International Children's Bible

"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was going to another place for a visit. Before he left, he talked with his servants. The man told them to take care of his things while he was gone. He decided how much each servant would be able to care for. He gave one servant five bags of money. He gave another servant two bags of money. And he gave a third servant one bag of money. Then the man left. The servant who got five bags went quickly to invest the money. The five bags of money earned five more. It was the same with the servant who had two bags of money. He invested the money and earned two more. But the servant who got one bag of money went out and dug a hole in the ground. Then he hid his master's money in the hole.

“After a long time the master came home. He asked the servants what they did with his money. The servant who got five bags of money brought five more bags to the master. The servant said, ‘Master, you trusted me to care for five bags of money. So I used your five bags to earn five more.’ The master answered, ‘You did well. You are a good servant who can be trusted. You did well with small things. So I will let you care for much greater things. Come and share my happiness with me.’”
“Then the servant who got two bags of money came to the master. The servant said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of money to care for. So I used your two bags to earn two more.’ The master answered, ‘You did well. You are a good servant who can be trusted. You did well with small things. So I will let you care for much greater things. Come and share my happiness with me.’”

“Then the servant who got one bag of money came to the master. The servant said, ‘Master, I knew that you were a hard man. You harvest things you did not plant. You gather crops where you did not sow any seed. So I was afraid. I went and hid your money in the ground. Here is the bag of money you gave me.’ The master answered, ‘You are a bad and lazy servant! You say you knew that I harvest things I did not plant, and that I gather crops where I did not sow any seed? So you should have put my money in the bank. Then, when I came home, I would get my money back with interest.’”

“So the master told his other servants, ‘Take the bag of money from that servant and give it to the servant who has ten bags of money. Everyone who uses what he has will get more. He will have much more than he needs. But the one who does not use what he has will have everything taken away from him.’ Then the master said, ‘Throw that useless servant outside, into the darkness! There people will cry and grind their teeth with pain.’”

Sermon

“The Fear of Not Getting it Right”

Quiet Meditation

Song

Take This Moment

John Bell

Take this moment, sign and space;
Take my friends around;
Here among us make the place
Where your love is found.

Take the time to call my name,
Take the time to mend
Who I am and what I've been,
All I've failed to tend.

Take the tiredness of my days,
Take my past regret,
Letting your forgiveness touch
All I can't forgive.

Take the little child in me
Scared of growing old;
Help me here to find my worth
Made in God's own mold.

Take my talents, take my skills,
Take what's yet to be;
Let my life be yours, and yet
Let it still be me.

Prayers of the People

Time, Talent and Treasure

Announcements *Please post announcements in Zoom chat.*

Ministry Team Moment: Outreach/Social Justice

Offering Invitation

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Musical Offering *In the Fields of the Lord* Audrey Assad and Isaac Wardell

Doxology *#27, Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Robert Edwards

God, whose giving knows no ending,
From your rich and endless store:
Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom,
Costly cross, grave’s shattered door,
Gifted by you, we turn to you,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
People joined, the Church made one.

Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
Gain through powers your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ’s ageless call,
Healing, Teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving you by loving all.

Benediction

Sending Music *Better is One Day* Matt Redman



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Wakantanka Taku Nitawa

(Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works)

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Dakota hymn, Joseph R. Renville, 1842
 Paraphr. by R. Philip Frazier, 1929; alt.
 For another translation, see 341

Ps. 104:24–25; Jer. 10:12–13; 2 Esd. 16:56–60

Optional hand-drum rhythm: ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩

1 Wa - kan - tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
 2 Wo - eh - da - ku ni - ta - wa kin he mi - na - gi
 1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, Mak - er of
 2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O star a -

qa o - ta; Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
 kin qu wo; Ma - hpi - ya kin i - wan - kam ya - ti,
 earth and sky; Your hands have set the heav - ens with stars,
 bid - ing One; Come un - to us and dwell with us:

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca, Mni - o - wan -
 wi - co - wa - šte yu - ha nan - ka, Wi - co - ni
 your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
 with you are found the gifts of life. Bless us with

ca šbe - ya wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
 kin he ma - ya - qu nun, o - wi - han - ke wa - nin.
 word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
 life that has no end, e - ter - nal life with you.

Probably the best-known Native American hymn, "Many and Great" is sung with great reverence by the Dakota people in worship, at communion, and for births, funerals, and burials. Renville helped establish the Lac qui Parle mission in Minnesota. Frazier, a Native American, was a Congregational minister.

Tune: LACQUIPARLE 9.6.9.9.6.
 Native American melody (Dakota)
 Adapt. Joseph R. Renville, 1842
 Harm. James R. Murray, 1877