

ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 26, 2023 Order of Service for the Worship of God

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Gathering Music Blessed Be Your Name Matt Redman

Stephen Anthony Rawson, Music Director

Prelude Take Me to the Water African-American Spiritual (arr. Nina Simone)

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 Julia or Rod P, Liturgist (responsive)

(Inspired by Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Worship with gladness and singing! God is Creator, Sustainer, Keeper, and Shepherd. Bless God's name.

Enjoy the presence of God! Give thanks and praise! God is Sovereign and Holy. Bless God's name. Know that God reigns! God's kingdom comes!

God is Healer, Redeemer, Restorer, and Friend. Bless God's name!

Opening Song #323, Little Children, Welcome Fred P. Green & Roy Hopp

Prayer for Transformation

Words of Grace

Scripture Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14 (NRSV)

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

"Take care that you do not cause one of these little ones to stumble, for I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

Sermon "Maybe God Is Like That"

Quiet Meditation

Song #252, Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us Dorothy A. Thrupp & William B. Bradbury

Celebration of Baptism of Annabell Sophia Thomas

Affirmations of the Parents and Godparents

Congregational Assent

(responsive)

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Annabell, about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

We promise our love, support, and care.

Prayer of Baptism

Act of Baptism

Prayer for the Baptized

(responsive)

Let us pray:

Give to the newly baptized: strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Bless these parents and godparents, your faithful people. Strengthen them in the peace of Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song #351, I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

John Ylvisaker

Prayers of the People

Time, Talent and Treasure

Announcements Please post announcements in Zoom chat.

Ministry Team Moment Caring Community/Fellowship

Offering Invitation

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Musical Offering Pour Out Your Spirit / Like a Healing Stream

Christopher Grundy & Bruce Harding

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!

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song #327, Jesus Loves Me Anna B. Warner & William B. Bradbury

Benediction

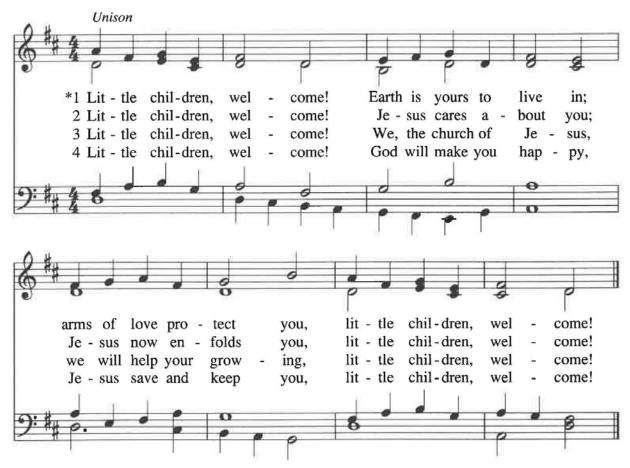
Sung Benediction Amen, Jester Hairston

Sending Music Peace Like a River African-American Spiritual

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Little Children, Welcome

Fred Pratt Green, 1973



^{*}Other words may be substituted as appropriate; for example, "Sisters, brothers, welcome!" "Little sister, welcome!" or "Little brother, welcome!"



Service liturgy by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ and the UCC Book of Worship.

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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Attrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779–1847) From Hymns for the Young, 1836; alt. St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807–1886) John 10:1-29

Tune: BRADBURY 8.7.8.7.D.

William B. Bradbury, 1859



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I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry



John Ylvisaker is the composer of a number of collections of music in the "contemporary" or "folk" idiom, as well as soundtracks for various media productions. This is perhaps his best-known song.

Tune: BORNING CRY 9.7.9.6.D.

John Ylvisaker, 1985

