



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 5, 2024

Order of Service
for the Worship of God
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
WITH COMMUNION

Imagine Together: A World Made Whole

Gathering Music

Prelude *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Centering Song *There's a Spirit of Love in This Place* Mark A. Miller (music at end)

Call to Worship Diane J, Liturgist (responsive)

We, who are thirsty, long for water.
God will cause water to spring up for us.
We, who are weak, long for strength.
God will strengthen our hearts and bodies.
We, who are broken, long for restoration.
God will bring the pieces of our world together.
Let us Imagine Together:
A World Made Whole

Opening Song *Way Maker* Sinach

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship you, I worship you
You are here, working in this place
I worship you, I worship you

[Refrain]

**You are a Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who you are
You are a Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who you are.**

You are here, healing every heart
I worship you, I worship you

You are here, turning lives around
I worship you, I worship you
You are here, mending every heart
I worship you, I worship you

Refrain

Even when I don't see it, you're working
Even when I don't feel it, you're working
You never stop, you never stop working
You never stop, you never stop working
Even when I don't see it, you're working
Even when I don't feel it, you're working
You never stop, you never stop working
You never stop

Refrain

Prayer for Transformation and Words of Grace

Scripture

Isaiah 35:1-4, 6b-8a

The Voice

Imagine the wilderness whooping for joy,
the desert's unbridled happiness with its spring flowers.
It will happen! The deserts will come alive with new growth budding and blooming,
singing and celebrating with sheer delight.
The glory of Lebanon's cedars and the majesty of Carmel and Sharon
will spill over to the deserts.
The glory of the Eternal One will be on full display there,
and they will revel in the majestic splendor of our God.
So, with confidence and hope in this message,
strengthen those with feeble hands, shore up the weak-kneed and weary.
Tell those who worry, the anxious and fearful,
"Take strength; have courage! *There's nothing to fear.*
Look, here—your God! Right here is your God!
The balance is shifting; God will right all wrongs.
None other than God will give you success.
God is coming to make you safe."
Waters will pour through the deserts;
streams will flow in godforsaken lands.
Burning sands and hardened wastelands will become pools, shimmering with life;
the thirsty ground will drink deep from refreshing springs.
Abandoned villages where predators once lurked will become grassy playgrounds.
Dry, arid land will turn lush and green.
And the road to this happy renovation will be clearly signed.
People will declare the way itself to be holy—the route, "sacred."

Sermon**Quiet Meditation****Song** #340, *We Are People on a Journey***Prayers of the People****Prayer of Jesus, reimagined**

Divine Parent, who dwells in the vast cosmos,
May we hold a sense of wonder for Your holy name.
May Your reign of love and justice manifest among us,
On Earth, as it is in the shimmering heavens.
Each day, provide us with the sustenance we need,
And with the same sense of wonder, let us share our resources with others.
Forgive our shortcomings as we strive to forgive those of others,
And guide us along the path of love and wisdom,
Away from the entanglement of harm.
For yours is the kin-dom of awe-inspiring wonder,
The power that fuels the cosmos,
And the glory that lights up the universe,
Now and forever. Amen.

Time, Talent and Treasure

Celebrations Birthdays and anniversaries in May (enter in Zoom chat)

Mission Updates

Offering Invitation Online: Please donate generously through alkiucc.org, through a mailed donation to the church office or through text-to-give by texting the word "AlkiUCC" to 44321; a donation link will come back to you. Your support for Alki is more important than ever.

Musical Offering *Like a Healing Stream* Bruce Harding

Doxology
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, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion *You are invited to partake of your own Bread and Cup.*

Communion Songs

One Bread, One Body

Refrain:

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord**

Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord of all

[Refrain]

#332, *As We Gather at Your Table* Carl P. Daw, Jr.

As we gather at Your table
As we listen to Your word
Help us know O God Your presence
Let our hearts and minds be stirred
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's vict'ry known

Gracious Spirit help us summon
Other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least
There no more will envy
Blind us nor will pride
Our peace destroy
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy

Closing Song*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

Ludwig van Beethoven

1. Joyful, joyful, oh, we adore you,
God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the storms of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works joy, they surround you,
Earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowering fountain,
Teach us what our praise should be.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Boundless love is reigning o'er us,
Reconciling race and clan.
Ever singing, move we forward,
Faithful in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us onward
In the triumph song of life.

Benediction**Sung Benediction***Amen, Amen*

African-American Spiritual

Sending Music

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GATHER

33 There's a Spirit of Love in This Place

$\text{♩} = 60$

Fm^7/Bb A^badd^9 Ab/Eb Bb/Eb Eb

1. There's a

Eb $Dm^7(b^9)$ G^7/B Eb^7sus/Bb Eb^7 Ab F/A

spir - it of love in this place, there's a spir - it of love in this
 pres - ence of peace in this room, there's the pres - ence of peace in this

Bb^sus Bb Fm^{11} Eb/G

place. You can't see it, but it's there, just as
 room. In God's ten - der - ness is found peace that

F/A G/B Cm Fm^7/Bb A^badd^9

pre - cious as the air. There's a spir - it of love in this
 pass - es hu - man bounds. There's the pres - ence of peace in this

Ab/Eb Bb/Eb Eb Ab/Eb Eb

1. place. 2. There's the room. O al - le -

$Abmaj^9$ Fm/Ab $G^7sus(b^9)$ $G^7(b^9)$ $G^7(b^9)/C$ Cm Cm/Bb

- lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia! We

F/A G/B $Cmadd^9$ Cm Bbm^7 Eb^7

$Abmaj^9$ Fm/Ab $G^7sus(b^9)$ $G^7(b^9)$ $G^7(b^9)/C$ Cm $G^9(\#5)/B$

- lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia! There's a

Fm^7/Ab A^badd^9/Bb Ab/Eb Bb/Eb Eb

spir - it of love in this place.

Somos pueblo que camina

(We Are People on a Journey)

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"Misa Popular Nicaragüense," 20th century; alt.
English version, Carolyn Jennings, 1993

John 6:32-35

1 So-mos pue-blo que ca - mi - na por la sen - da del do - lor.
2 Los hu - mil-des y los po - bres in - vi - ta - dos son de Dios.
1 We are peo-ple on a jour - ney; pain is with us all the way.
2 God has sent the in - vi - ta - tion to the hum-ble and the poor.

Estribillo (Refrain)

A - cu - da-mos ju - bi - lo - sos a la san - ta co - mu - ni - ón.
Joy - ful - ly we come to - geth - er at the ho - ly feast of God.

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| 3 Es-te pan que Dios nos brin-da
a-li-men-ta nues-tra u-nión. (<i>Estribillo</i>) | 3 This is bread that God pro-vides us,
nour-ish-ing our u-ni-ty. (<i>Refrain</i>) |
| 4 Cris-to a-quí se ha-ce pre-sen-te;
al reu-nir-nos es su a-mor. (<i>Estribillo</i>) | 4 Christ is ev-er pres-ent with us
to u-nite us all in love. (<i>Refrain</i>) |
| 5 Los se-dien-tos de jus-ti-cia
bus-can su li-be-ra-ción. (<i>Estribillo</i>) | 5 All who tru-ly thirst for jus-tice
seek their lib-er-a-tion here. (<i>Refrain</i>) |