



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 23, 2024

Order of Service

for the Worship of God

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music

Prelude *#393, Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Centering Song *Please, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary*
Please prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

Call to Worship Diane J, Liturgist (responsive)
(adapted from Psalm 133)
How very good and pleasant it is when the beloved community live together in
unity!
It is like the precious oil on our heads which anoints our worship and praise.
It is like a soft mist, which falls on the mountains of the earth.
For there God has ordained the blessing, life forevermore

Opening Song *Welcome* *Mark Miller*

Prayer for Transformation and Words of Grace

Scripture **John 12:1-7**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Sermon "The Place Beyond Words"

Quiet Meditation

Song *#456, More Love to You* *(All music at end)*

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus, reimagined

Unison

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

Mission Updates

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Musical Offering

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

Closing Song

#451, *Be Now My Vision*

Benediction

Sung Benediction

#81, *God Be With You*

Sending Music



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Welcome

Let's Walk Together



1. Let's walk to - geth - er for a while and
 2. Let's talk to - geth - er of a time when
 3. Let's dream to - geth - er of the day when



ask where we be - gin to build a world where
 we will share a feast, where pride and pow - er
 earth and heaven are one, a ci - ty built of



love can grow and hope can en - ter in, to
 kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least, and
 love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, where our



be the hands of heal - ing and to plant the seeds of peace,
 joy will set the ta - ble as we join our hands to pray,
 mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, ev' - ry crea - ture lifts its voice!

Refrain



— Sing - ing wel - come,
 — Sing - ing wel - come, wel - come to this place. You're in -
 — Cry - ing wel - come!



vit - ed to come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the



love of God to share 'cause all of us are wel - come here;

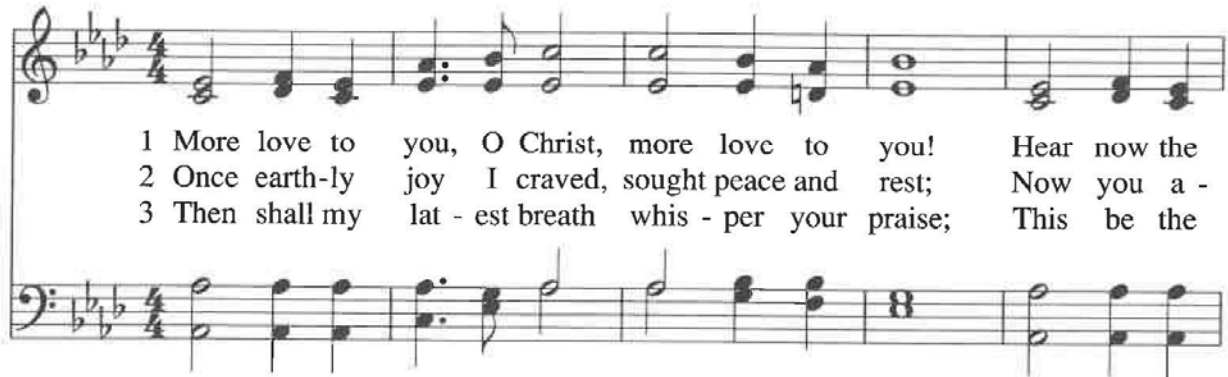


— all are wel - come in this place.

More Love to You, O Christ

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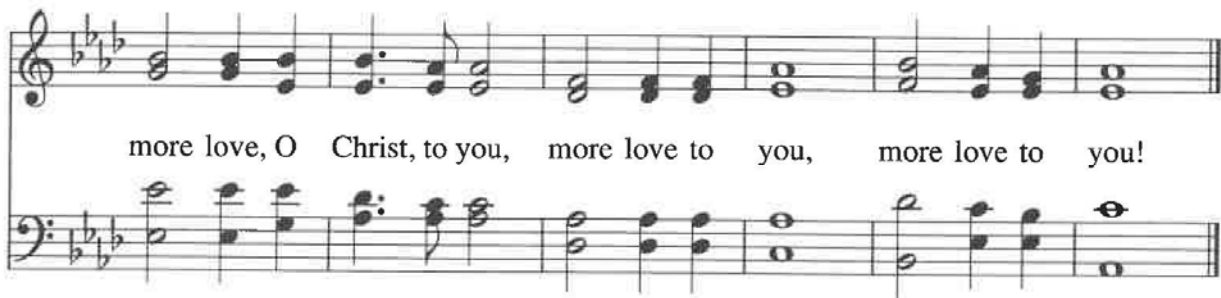
Elizabeth P. Prentiss, c. 1856; alt.



1 More love to you, O Christ, more love to you! Hear now the
2 Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; Now you a -
3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per your praise; This be the



Refrain
prayer I make faith to re - new.
lone I seek, give what is best: In all I say and do,
part - ing cry my heart shall raise:



more love, O Christ, to you, more love to you, more love to you!

Elizabeth Prentiss, a teacher and author of numerous books, wrote this hymn at a time of grief and physical illness. It was published some fifteen years later, together with William H. Doane's tune.

Tune: MORE LOVE TO YOU 6.4.6.4.6.6.4.4.
William H. Doane, 1870

Be Now My Vision

Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.
Traditional Irish melody
Harm. David Evans, 1927

God Be with You

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Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con-found you,
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban-ner float - ing o'er you,

With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,

till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

Written during his last pastorate, at First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., Jeremiah Rankin's hymn spread quickly throughout America and England by way of Moody and Sankey's revival meetings. Rankin later served as the seventh president of Howard University.

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU 9.8.8.9. with refrain
William G. Tomer, 1880