



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 30, 2024
Order of Service
for the Worship of God

Pride Sunday Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Gathering Music

Prelude *#417 This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Call to Worship Cinda S Liturgist (responsive)
In the image of God, you created everything and called it good!
In abundant diversity, your likeness is found in us.
We reject all messages that belittle or degrade any among us.
And so in faithfulness to God and one another we proclaim:
Sacred are our bodies of every size and dis/ability
Blessed are our sexualities, drawing us towards love of many kinds.
Beloved is every gender, revealing you in different ways.
To our skin, beautiful in every shade, we say hallelujah!
Praise God, our Creator, who blesses us with this world,
**And blesses us with these bodies, and our fellow creatures, all created good,
very good.**

Opening Song *#393 Blessed Be the Tie that Binds*

Prayer for Transformation and Words of Grace

Scripture *Psalms 37, reimagined by Rev. M Barclay in Living Psalms Book*

Do not hand over your energy to the wastelands of destruction.
Our time is too limited. Our possibilities too powerful. Our well-being too connected.
The preciousness of life is only wasted in pursuit of the profits of evil.
The treasures of the wicked will soon crumble in their hands.
But the riches born of Love are eternal,
stretching across the ages, bringing hope to each generation.
Make your home in the ways of the Sacred.
Trust in what is Courageous, what is Just, what is Tender.
Even when your soul is weary, even when your body aches with grief,
do not lose yourself to the cycles of violence.
When racism strikes, do not return it with sexism.
When sexism strikes, do not return it with queerphobia.
When queerphobia strikes, do not return it with degrading words
about body types or mental capacity.
Do not respond to one form of systemic evil by confirming another.
Do not let others coerce you into injustice. Seek to demolish the systems that possess,
using people like conduits to sustain power and prejudices. Rise up to protect your neighbors
and all of created life.

Rise up to disrupt what is oppressive in all its forms.
Rise up to create, to birth, to build something new.
Though the spirits of coercion and control surround us, in God, we find a refuge:
A place to learn and unlearn, to connect and to heal, to en flesh our collective freedom,
and bring an end to all that destroys.

Sermon

Quiet Meditation

Song #575 *O for a World*

Prayers of the People

Time, Talent and Treasure

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Musical Offering *In This Very Room* Ron and Carol Harris Alki UCC Choir

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

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Call to Order Julia Peeler, moderator

Prayer Pastor Emily

Quorum Verification Charlie Hinckley, clerk

Review/Approval 2023 Meeting Minutes

Gratitude for Church Council Members and Ministry Team Leads

Song of Celebration #524 *This Little Light*

Budget Presentation/Vote Gary Gesellchen, treasurer

Song Reprise

Steering Committee Recap Joe Mitter

Questions from the Congregation

Benediction Pastor Emily

Sending Music



Service liturgy adapted from *enfleshed: spiritual nourishment for collective liberation*
Order of Worship Subject to Change
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Portions of today’s service are recorded for posting
on Alki UCC’s YouTube channel.

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Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

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John Fawcett, 1782; alt.

Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,
4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,

The shar - ing of a com - mon life is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear,
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.

Tune: DENNIS S.M.
Melody by Johann G. Nügeli (c. 1768-1836)
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845

O for a World

575

Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

This Little Light/This Joy I Have

Matt. 5:14-16

African-American spiritual

1 This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 1 This . . . joy I have, the world did-n't give to me.

I am gon - na let it, let it shine,
 oh, the world did not give to me,

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 This joy . . . I have, the world did-n't give to me.

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,
 This . . . joy I have, the world did-n't give to me.

Hal - le-lu - jah,
 Hal - le-lu, the

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, (oh let it shine.)
 No, the world did-n't give it, the world can't take it a - way.

The texts of these two spirituals may be used interchangeably with the tune This Joy. For an alternate version, this melody may be sung with the accompaniment of "Glory, Glory Hallelujah." A more traditional setting of "This Little Light" is provided with the tune Lattimer.

Tune: THIS JOY Irr.
 African-American spiritual
 Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993
 See also LATTIMER