



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 7, 2024
Order of Service
for the Worship of God

I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK . . . WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Gathering Music

Prelude

Let All Things Now Living

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Call to Worship

Rev. Penny M, Liturgist

(responsive)

We are from north and south.

We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.

We are from this city and from others far away.

We are from big families and dinners made for one.

We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

We are from hot summers and cold winters.

We are from kitchens with passed down recipes,
and front porches with old, familiar swings.

We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.

We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.

Today we are together.

Holy God, gather us in.

Opening Song

#28 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Prayer for Transformation and Words of Grace

Scripture

Genesis 2:4-15, *The Message*, adapted

This is the story of how it all started, of Heaven and Earth when they were created.

At the time GOD made Earth and Heaven, before any grasses or shrubs had sprouted from the ground—GOD hadn't yet sent rain on Earth, nor was there anyone around to work the ground (the whole Earth was watered by underground springs)—GOD formed the human out of dirt from the ground and blew into its nostrils the breath of life. The human came alive—a living soul!

Then GOD planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed the human in it. GOD made all kinds of trees grow from the ground, trees beautiful to look at and good to eat. The Tree-of-Life was in the middle of the garden, also the Tree-of-Knowledge-of-Good-and-Evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden and from there divides into four rivers. The first is named Pishon; it flows through Havilah where there is gold. The gold of this land is good. The land is also known for a sweet-scented resin and the onyx stone. The second river is named Gihon; it flows through the land of Cush. The third river is named Hiddekel and flows east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

GOD set the human down in the Garden of Eden to work the ground and keep it in order.

Sermon

Quiet Meditation

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

Chorus

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

You are here, touching every heart
 I worship You. I worship You
 You are here, healing every heart
 I worship You. I worship You
 You're turning lives around
 You are here, oh, turning lives around
 I worship You. I worship You
 You mended every heart
 I worship You. I worship You

Chorus

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

Chorus**Prayers of the People****Time, Talent and Treasure**

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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**Holy Communion****Communion Song:**

Ubi caritas
Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Translation: Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Song Hamba nathi (Come Walk with Us)

Come, walk with us, the journey is long.
Come, walk with us, the journey is long.

Refrain:

**The journey, the journey, the journey is long.
The journey, the journey, the journey is long.**

Share our burdens, and join in the song.
Share our burdens, and join in the song.

Refrain

Come, uplift us, and bring us new life.
Come, uplift us, and bring us new life.

Refrain

Give us peace when the journey is done.
Give us peace when the journey is done.

Refrain

Benediction

Sending Music



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For the Beauty of the Earth

*St. 1-3, Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.
St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993*

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
4 For the good that love in - spires, for a world where none ex - clude,

For the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
For a faith that nev - er tires, and for ev - ery heart re - newed,

Refrain

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain
Conrad Kocher, 1838
Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861