

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 WorshipRev. Penny M, Liturgist(responsive)We are from north and south.We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.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.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, movi	0	
I worship You. I wo	orship You	
You are here, work	ing in this place	
I worship You. I wo	orship 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 Τ 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!

Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Commun	ion	Song
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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

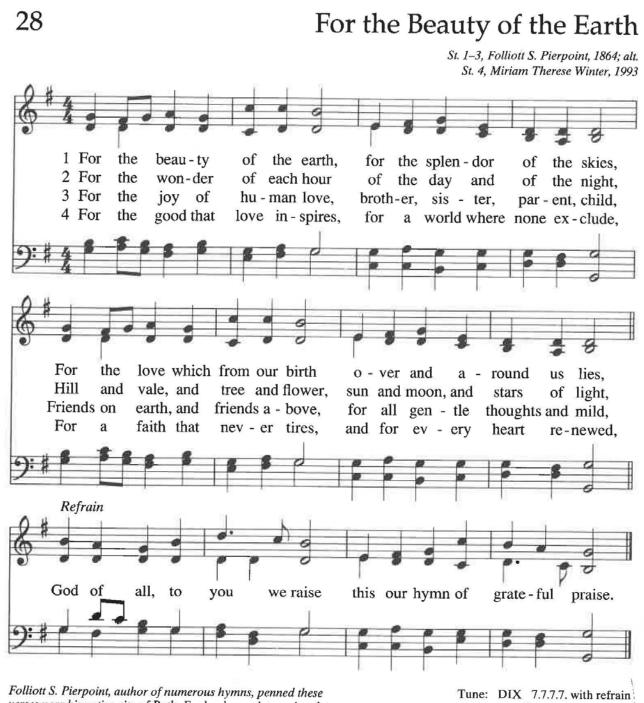
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verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7. with refrain Conrad Kocher, 1838 Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861