



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 8, 2024

Order of Service

for the Worship of God

“Where did the Bible come from?”

Gathering Music

Stephen Anthony Rawson, Music Director

Prelude

Gather Us In

Marty Haugen

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Call to Worship

Brett and Day T-L, Liturgists

Bringing all of our concerns, our questions, our doubts,
and our hopes...

We come to explore the mystery of God.

Through the power of the Spirit, we long to discern the
mind of Christ...

That love might be our center and justice our true aspiration.

Leaving behind our loyalties to all that hinders the flourishing
of life...

Holy Spirit, come and reveal the wisdom of God!

Opening Song

530, God Our Author and Creator

Prayer for Transformation

Scripture

1 Corinthians 2:1-13

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Sermon

Quiet Meditation

Song 451, *Be Now My Vision*

Prayers of the People

Time, Talent & 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

Communion Song 788, *Eat this Bread*
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

Closing Song *There's Bread for the Journey* Jim Strathdee

Benediction

Sending Music

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