



## ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 20, 2024  
Order of Service  
for the Worship of God

### “Church Shopper Sunday”

**Gathering Music** Stephen Anthony Rawson, Music Director

**Prelude** Morning Has Broken Cat Stevens

*The Prelude sets the tone for the service.*

*It is a time when we can reflect and set our own personal intention for the time of worship.*

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgment** Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

*You are welcome here! We are welcome to show up exactly as we are.*

*We are reminded that the spirit of God is in this place. We are on sacred ground.*

*We acknowledge that the land on which we sit, stand, walk and worship is unceded,  
stolen from the Coast Salish people by colonizers.*

*Land Acknowledgments are more meaningful when accompanied by action.*

*One of the ways that Alki UCC takes action is by paying Real Rent to the Duwamish Tribe.*

*The Duwamish Tribe has yet to be justly compensated for their land,  
resources, and livelihood. Learn more at [realrentduwamish.org](http://realrentduwamish.org).*

**Call to Worship** Vicky S, Liturgist (responsive)

*The Call to Worship orients us to a holy encounter with the divine.*

*God is the audience of worship.*

*The worship leaders and congregation co-create a space for worship  
which is a God-encounter.*

*We gather in the presence of God to encounter Love that sets free.*

**We do not come seeking crumbs of justice  
but a way of life that liberates.**

*Together, we practice courage in resisting evil and rejecting the  
temptations of complicity and complacency.*

**The Spirit leads us in power and truth.**

*Our faith is placed in Love Eternal that lifts broken spirits  
and brings new life.*

**With hope that is neither narrow nor fragile, we come to follow Christ.**

**Opening Song** 84, This Is the Day

*We begin with a joyful song! This one is in the New Century Hymnal.*

*How often do you get to sing your heart out in community? Enjoy!*

**Prayer for Transformation**

**Anthem** Psalm 139 Allen Pote Alki UCC Choir

*We are so grateful to include not only church members  
but also neighbors and community members in our choir!*

**Scripture**

Psalm 139

reimagined by Nan C. Merrill in “Psalms for Praying”

*This selection of the Bible is from the Hebrew Scripture, and is a reading used by both Jewish and Christian congregations. In recognition that God continues to breathe through Scripture, at times we use readings that have been re-imagined quite a bit from the original, in order to be more resonant for today.*

O my Beloved, You have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my innermost thoughts. You find me on the journey and guide my steps; You know my strengths and weaknesses.

Even before words rise up in prayer, Lo, You have already heard my heart call. You encompass me with love where're I go, and your strength is my shield. Such sensitivity is too wonderful for me; it is high; boundless gratitude is my soul's response.

Where could I go from your Spirit? Or how could I flee from your Presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in darkness, You are there!

If I soar on the wings of the morning or dwell in the deepest parts of the sea, Even there your Hand will lead me, and your Love will embrace me

**Sermon**

*A sermon is a speech on a sacred text which serves to instruct and inspire.*

**Quiet Meditation**

*We hold a brief time of silence in order to reflect and integrate what we just heard.*

**Song**

476, My Life Flows On in Endless Song

**Prayers of the People**

*The leader prays for the joys and concerns of the congregation, incorporating prayer requests from the list at the entrance of the church.*

*You may also voice a prayer request at the time indicated, or pray silently for what is on your heart today.*

**Time, Talent & Treasure**

*We show our gratitude to God in many ways, through the giving of our time, talent, and treasure.*

**Mission Updates**

*Hear from Ministry Teams how you can support the work of the church. Our Outreach Team is deeply committed to the Westside Interfaith Network. We collect food, clothing, and volunteer regularly at The Welcome Table meal.*

**Offering Invitation**

*There is no obligation to give. Financial gifts support living wages for church staff, the work of our ministry teams and social justice efforts.*

**Online:** Please donate generously through [alkiucc.org](http://alkiucc.org), through a mailed donation to the church office or through text-to-give by texting the word “AlkiUCC” to 44321; a donation link will come back to you. Your support for Alki UCC is more important than ever.

**Musical Offering***Lean On Me*

Bill Withers

Sometimes in our lives  
 We all have pain, we all have sorrow.  
 But, if we are wise,  
 We know that there's always tomorrow

Please swallow your pride  
 If I have things you need to borrow  
 For no one can fill  
 Those of your needs that you won't let  
 show

**Chorus****Lean on me****When you're not strong****And I'll be your friend.****I'll help you carry on...****For it won't be long****Till I'm gonna need****Somebody to lean on.****Chorus**

If there is a load  
 You have to bear that you can't carry  
 I'm right up the road,  
 I'll share your load if you just call me

**Chorus****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***Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Vince Gill

Let there be peace on earth,  
 And let it begin with me.  
 Let there be peace on earth,  
 The peace that was meant to be.  
 With God our creator,  
 Children all are we,  
 Let us walk with each other  
 In perfect harmony.  
 Let peace begin with me,  
 Let this be the moment now.

With every step I take,  
 May this be my solemn vow:  
 To take each moment and live each moment  
 In peace eternally.  
 Let there be peace on earth,  
 And let it begin with me.  
 To take each moment and live each moment  
 In peace eternally.  
 Let there be peace on earth,  
 And let it begin with me.

**Benediction****Sending Music**

Service liturgy adapted from [enfleshed.com](http://enfleshed.com)  
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 Music Covered by One License.net #A-7 10529  
 Portions of today's service are recorded for posting  
 on Alki UCC's YouTube channel.

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