



## ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 1, 2024  
Order of Service  
for the Worship of God

### First Sunday in Advent

### Words for the Beginning: *You are a Blessing*

Gathering Music	Stephen Anthony Rawson, Music Director	
Prelude		
Welcome and Land Acknowledgment	Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel	
Advent Candle Lighting		
Centering Song	<i>Come, Light of Lights</i>	Ruth Cunningham
Call to Worship	Julia C, Liturgist	(responsive)
	God says, <b>“Do not be afraid.”</b> God says, <b>“I have called you by name.”</b> God says, <b>“I will be with you.”</b> God says, <b>“You are precious and honored in my sight.”</b> At the beginning of this season, <b>at the start of this week,</b> at the top of this hour, <b>may we wrap ourselves in these words.</b> <b>May we begin again.</b> Let us worship our Holy God!	
Opening Song	<i>#417, This is a Day of New Beginnings</i>	Brian Wren
Prayer for Transformation		
Scripture	Isaiah 43:1-7	NRSV
	But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.	

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you,  
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

Luke 1:26-38

NRSV

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

## Sermon

## Quiet Meditation

Song #123, Mary, Woman of the Promise

## Prayers of the People

## Time, Talent & Treasure

### Celebrations

### Mission Updates

### Offering Invitation

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## 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

### Sharing the Meal

*You are invited to partake of your own Bread and Cup. You are also invited to light candles for loved ones who have died.*

## Closing Song

526, Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of God)

## Benediction

## Sending Music

Service liturgy adapted from A Sanctified Art  
Order of Worship Subject to Change  
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