



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 22, 2024

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Words for the Beginning:

Hope is Worth the Risk

Gathering Music

Stephen Anthony Rawson, Music Director

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Advent Candle Lighting

Come, Light of Lights

Ruth Cunningham

Centering Song

Call to Worship

Keith T, liturgist

(responsive)

In this weary world,

we sing of joy.

In this fragile world,

we lift each other up.

In this beautiful world,

we look for God.

In this tender world,

we hold onto hope.

This is the invitation of faith.

So in this time of worship,

may we sing, lift up, look for, and hold onto our with-us God.

With hope in our hearts, amen!

Opening Song

#461, *Let Us Hope When Hope Seems Hopeless*

Prayer for Transformation

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.

Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name;
indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of
their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his
descendants forever.”

Sermon

Quiet Meditation

Song #119, *My Soul Gives Glory*

Prayers of the People

Time, Talent & Treasure

Mission Updates

Offering Invitation

Online: Please donate generously through 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: *You’ll Never Walk Alone (from Carousel)*
Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II

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 #593, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Benediction

Sending Music

Service liturgy adapted from A Sanctified Art
Order of Worship Subject to Change
Image: “Joseph’s Dream” by Lauren Wright Pittman
Music Covered by One License.net #A-7 10529
Portions of today’s service are recorded for posting
on Alki UCC’s YouTube channel.

Alki United Church of Christ (Alki UCC)
Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel, Pastor
Stephen Anthony Rawson, Music Director
6115 SW Hinds ❖ Seattle WA 98116