



**ALKI
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

February 9, 2025

Order of Service

for the Worship of God

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

“Apocalyptic Stories”

- Gathering Music** Daniel Self, Music Director
- Prelude** *Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen / All Night, All Day*
Music: Harry Thacker Burleigh / Ashley Bryan
Arr: Mark Hayes
- Welcome and Land Acknowledgment** Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel
- Centering Song** *Alleluia* Sinclair
- Call to Worship** Marilyn M, Liturgist (responsive)
When the world points us in the direction of despair,
We gather and remember God.
Through faith, we proclaim the truths that have sustained generations:
We believe that justice will come.
We believe that love can transform.
We believe that God will make all things new.
With the risen Christ as our companion, let us press on and make it so.
- Opening Song** *We Love Our God, Who Heard Our Cries* Smallwood
- Prayer for Transformation**
- Scripture** Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition
In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.
As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”
Revelation 7:9-17
After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Sermon

Quiet Meditation

Song Reckless Love

Prayers of the People

Commissioning Daniel

Time, Talent & Treasure

Mission Updates

Offering Invitation

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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!

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song *#478, I've Got Peace Like a River*

Benediction

Sending Music

This is Daniel's first service as Alki UCC's Music Director.
Information on his bio and background follows.

Welcome, Daniel!

Daniel Self
Alki UCC Music Director

An accomplished pianist specializing in musical theatre and sacred music, Daniel recently relocated to Seattle from his longtime home in Athens, Georgia. He had the privilege of serving as resident music director for Athens Creative Theatre for the past 11 years and was also the on-staff accompanist and subsequent music director for Young Harris Memorial United Methodist Church where he served for more than a decade.

His musical journey has led him to numerous stages and concert halls as a collaborative pianist, section player and pit orchestra musician.

Building community through music is at the center of Daniel's love for music making. He has developed a number of community music initiatives in his professional life and extracurricular time, including the formation of community ensembles such as The Athens Flute Choir and Quintet Athens. Daniel has also developed programs to lift up and celebrate developing musicians, such as his "Hit The Pit" program for aspiring pit orchestra musicians and the "Music Leadership Program" to teach young singers essential skills in a choral setting. He always strives to curate creative spaces and experiences that foster community, artistic expression and education, whether he is at the podium or playing in the ensemble.

In addition to freelancing in Seattle musical theatre, Daniel teaches private lessons for piano and general woodwinds. He is thrilled to join Alki UCC and co-create the music ministry with the church and greater community.

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