



ALKI
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
February 23, 2025
Order of Service
for the Worship of God
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
“Are You Still Listening?”

Gathering Music Daniel Self, Music Director

Prelude *Oh God, Our Help In Ages Past* Arr. Fred Bock

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment Rev. Tiare Mathison, Preacher

Centering Song *How Deep God’s Love For Us*

Call to Worship Rev. Penny M, Liturgist (responsive)

Come, Beloved, and release your frenzied fear.

We come, trusting the enduring promises of the Holy One.

Let meekness rise as strength of soul.

May our promised inheritance of love shine brightly all around.

May it strengthen us in our waiting and our working.

May all that is evil wither, and all that is good grow to fullness.

May the grace of God rest on us all as we gather.

Opening Song #25 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Prayer for Transformation

Special Music *Word of God Speak* Mercy Me

Scriptures *Psalm 27* NRSV

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause
like the noonday.

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who
prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the
land.

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for
their place, they will not be there.

But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant
prosperity.

Luke 6:27-38

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Sermon “Are You Still Listening?

Song #449 Softly and Tenderly

Prayers of the People

Time, Talent & Treasure

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Offertory Hymn #170 Your Ways Are Not Our Own

Doxology Old 100th

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 My Tribute Andrae Crouch

Benediction

Postlude Thy Word Arr. Mark Hayes

Service liturgy adapted from *Enfleshed*

Order of Worship Subject to Change

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