



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 15, 2025

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Choir Sunday

Let's Praise!

Gathering Music Daniel Self, Music Director
Prelude & Procession *How Can I Keep from Singing* Alki UCC Community Choir
Welcome and Land Acknowledgment Pastor Emily Tanis-Likkel
Centering *Preparing Our Bodies for Music Making*

Call to Worship (responsive)

I believe music is God given

Singing is an act of creation, of bringing into the world something that wasn't there before.

Singing is a natural expression of the spirit

Singing is energy going out into the world to create even more sympathetic energy. It can change the world

With gratitude we celebrate the gifts shared. With wonder and delight we receive. May the melodic offerings continue to touch our hearts and nurture our spirits

I sing to create an uplifting atmosphere for myself and others

I sing for the pure joy of it. I sing for that spine-tingling sensation when you know you and your fellow singers have touched those who listen.

I sing because it opens doors; doors inside and out.

I sing because it helps me understand the power inside me, and how to use it fearlessly and gently

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There are feelings too complex to express in words that can somehow be conveyed through singing.

Singing is alive with emotion and expressing myself that way makes me feel whole.

Singing the songs that touch different people's hearts is a way of knowing them better.

I sing because I love making music with Alki UCC and the people I care about.

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#475, God's Eye Is on the Sparrow

Song *All Praise Be Yours, My God, This Night* Thomas Ken & Thomas Tallis
Prayer for Transformation Cinda S

Scripture Reading #1 Psalm 104:33-34
New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to God,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

Psalm 104:33-34

Reimagined in *The Words of Her Mouth: Songs for the Struggle*

I am an instrument of praise

Melodiously designed to worship my God

Harmoniously created to live in adoration

I cannot contain my song of thanksgiving!

Can you hear my heart as it belts out with every beat: I am enough!

Anthem

True Colors

Billy Steinberg and Tom Kelly

Arr: Mac Huff

Alki UCC Community Choir

Stewardship Moment

Worship and Music Team

Scripture Reading #2

Psalm 33:3

New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition

Sing to God a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Psalm 33:3

Reimagined in *The Words of Her Mouth: Songs for the Struggle*

The great God, Composer of the Universe, asked you for a new song and eventually a new song was produced. Others gaze at it in wonder and ask the question that has been asked of newborn things since questions began: where did it come from?

Myths abound. Perhaps it grew round and unwieldy like a cabbage. Maybe it flew in a stork's beak. The truth is stranger than any story. You conceived the new song just like you conceive anything else. There's sometimes a bit of joyful fumbling in the conception, but the process is energetic and leaves you happily, sweatily breathless.

The gestation period, following that first flush of excitement is long and uncomfortable.

Sometimes there are sleepless nights, there is usually nausea. Everyone will have an opinion about what you might do to relieve the symptoms. Do not listen to them. Listen within.

The hours just before the final production are usually the most intense. Still and again, everyone will have an opinion. Still and again, do not listen to them. Stretch yourself, impossibly. Push. Breathe. Listen for the voice of the new song.

When at last it is born, hold the new song up to the light. Like all newborn things, it's not as adorable as you've been led to believe it would be. It emerges misshapen, squalling, slimy.

Do not despair. All newborn songs start this way. Its beauty will grow like the song itself grows-- sometimes swiftly, sometimes slowly. Until now, you have nourished the new song.

Soon it will crawl and explore and run away from you. Soon the new song will sing itself.

Song

What A Wonderful World

George White & Bob Thiele

Prayers of the People

Sung Response

The Lord's Prayer—A New Setting

Jamie Brown

Time, Talent & Treasure

Special Offering: Strengthen the Church

Cinda S

Offering Invitation

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Offertory *You Will Be Found*

Benj Pasek and Justin Paul

Joe Mitter & Vicky Smith

Doxology *Laast Uns Erfreuen*

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.
We praise thee, we praise thee,
Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Response

Prosperity Song

Diana Wilson

Scripture Reading #3

Psalm 98:4

Reimagined in The Words of Her Mouth: Songs for the Struggle

Make a joyful noise--not a beautiful noise or a balanced noise; It doesn't even say music. Make noise all the earth! Pound on those drums, scream your screams, shout into the void, stomp your feet, beat on the pews, laugh and cry and holler! Rough and tumble and loud like baby kittens and grown lions, stampede like cattle, bray like donkeys! Crash to the ground like trees struck by lightning, burn and crackle and snap and roar like fire out of control!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth! Don't you dare be silent; Don't you dare hold anything back! With everything that you are, with every part of your being, make noise! Praise the Lord!

Song

Reckless Love

Cory Asbury

Benediction

Psalm 150:6

Songs for the Struggle

Start with a breath. Put your hands on your belly. Do you feel it swelling?
Pull the breath deep and let your voice soar!
Sing sweet, loud, off-key, velvety or raggedy, raspy or ferocious.
Breathe in, then exhale glory to the One who made you!
Use the voice God gave you;
Find the notes in the church, in the shower, in the car!
You are an instrument of praise!
Breathe, and sing, and praise God!
Go In Peace

Postlude

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