



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 6, 2025

Order of Service for the Worship of GoD This Is My Song: Psalms of Justice and Peace

Gathering Music

Daniel Self, Music Director

Prelude

Make Them Hear You from “*Ragtime*”
Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens

Pastor Emily Tanis-Likkel

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

Centering Chorus *This is My Story, This Is My Song* from “Blessed Assurance” Words: Fanny Crosby

Call to Worship

John C, liturgist

(responsive)

We love the God Who is With Us because

They are compassionate when we cry for mercy.

So we will call on Them as long as we live.

When cords of violence entangle us,

When the anguish of death overwhelms us,

When distress and sorrow overcome us—

We will call upon the Sustaining One for help.

Surely They will be present to our aching.

Surely They will lead us towards paths of justice and care.

Opening Song

#591, *This is My Song*

Prayer of Transformation

Scripture Readings

Psalm 82

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

God has taken his place in the divine council;

in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

“How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

They have neither knowledge nor understanding;

they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I say, “You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;

nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince.”

Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you!

Psalm 82

Reimagined by Marilyn Pagan-Banks in *The Words of Her Mouth: Songs for the Struggle*

Today I Will Rise Up

Oh, the hubris! Us good folx--

We love to tell you what to do, God.

We forget that we, too, are part of the earth you judge.

And of the nations that belong to you.

Today I will rise up and do my part in seeking justice;
Today I will rise up and show kindness to my enemy.
Today I will rise up and spread joy and promote healing,
Today I will rise up and speak truth to power.
Today I will share love with the unlovable.
Today I am praying for judgment covered in grace
For whomsoever and everybody,
Cuz, yeah . . . we are all in this together.

Sermon

Quiet Meditation

Song *For the Healing of the Nations*

Words: Fred Kaan

Prayers of the People

Time, Talent & Treasure

Celebrations

Mission Updates

Offering Invitation

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Offertory

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

Special Music *Celtic Laud* Pamela Martin and Craig Courtney

Communion

Communion Hymn *Come to the Table of Grace* Barbara Hamm

Closing Song *#594, How Beautiful Our Spacious Skies*

Benediction

Sung Benediction *#593, Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Postlude

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