

ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 16, 2025
Order of Service
for the Worship of God

Holy is Each One: Immigrant Stories and the God Who Sees

“Ruth and Naomi”



Gathering Music

Daniel Self, Music Director

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Centering Song #742, *Gathered Here in the Mystery of This*

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

Come, all who are weary with grief, heavy with loss,
or exhausted by the strains of life.

Gather in the embrace of God and be held.

Come, all who are hungry for an end to violence and injustice.

Find sustenance in the presence of the One who liberates the oppressed.

Come, all who are searching for belonging or purpose.

God draws us in and weaves our lives together. Whatever we bring, wherever
we come from, whatever we hope for, this Sacred space can hold it all.
Beloveds, let us worship God.

Opening Song *From Wisdom Emerging* Words: Larry Schulz, Welsh Hymn Tune (music at end)

Prayer for Transformation

Special Music *The Music of Living* Dan Forest Alki UCC Community Choir

Scripture Ruth 2:1-16 NRSVue

Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband’s side, a prominent rich man of the family of Elimelech whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain behind someone in whose sight I may find favor.” She said to her, “Go, my daughter.” So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, “The LORD be with you.” They answered, “The LORD bless you.” Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, “To whom does this young woman belong?” The young man who was in charge of the reapers answered, “She is the young Moabite woman who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, ‘Please, let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.’ So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now without resting even for a moment.”

Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped and

follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn.” Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?” But Boaz answered her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. May the LORD reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!” Then she said, “May I continue to find favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants.”

At mealtime Boaz said to her, “Come here and eat some of this bread and dip your morsel in the sour wine.” So she sat beside the reapers, and he heaped up for her some parched grain. She ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. When she got up to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, “Let her glean even among the standing sheaves, and do not reproach her. You must also pull out some handfuls for her from the bundles and leave them for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.”

Sermon

Quiet Meditation

Song #393, *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*

Prayers of the People

Time, Talent & Treasure

Mission Update

Offering Invitation

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Offertory

Doxology (*music at end*)

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song *God Is Our Shelter and Strength* Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Benediction

Postlude

Liturgy adapted from enflashed:
spiritual nourishment for collective liberation

Veteran’s Day Prayer:

by Audette Fulbright Fulson, adapted

Order of Worship Subject to Change

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From Wisdom Emerging

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in four columns, one for each voice part. The lyrics describe a journey of faith and wisdom, emphasizing themes of exploration, safety, and community.

1. From Wis - dom e - merg - ing, we fash - ion a space
2. Faith's jour - ney re - claim - ing, we blaze a new trail
3. For - ev - er ex - plor - ing, we seek to learn more
4. The fu - ture pro - gress - ing, we move through its change,

for peo - ple con - verg - ing in safe - ty and grace,
with oth - ers, ex - claim - ing: "Let jus - tice pre - vail!"
of Wis - dom's out - pour - ing, of Love's o - pen door.
old sys - tems re - dress - ing, new pat - terns ar - range;

to shel - ter the free - dom of one and of all
Re - ject - ing worn paths that op - press and mis - lead,
A - mazed at the mys - teries and grac - es we find,
pro - tect - ing all free - doms with ev - ery new choice,

in Love with - out bor - der or bound - ary or wall.
we walk in com - mu - ni - ty, cher - ished and freed!
we joy - ful - ly share them with all hu - man - kind.
we fol - low the Spir - it and raise our clear voice!

Words: Larry E. Schultz
Music: Welsh hymn tune

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God Is Our Shelter and Strength 206

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1. Though the moun-tains trem-ble in the heart_ of the sea,
 2. Now be still and trust and know that God is mak-ing peace,
 3. There's a riv - er flow-ing through the might-y heart of God,

we will not_ fear, we will not fear.____
 we will not_ fear, we will not fear.____
 we will not_ fear, we will not fear.____

Though the na-tions stum-ble and the gov-ern-ments de - cree,
 God de-roys the weap-ons and will make the wars to cease,
 Ho - ly One is with us, yes the Ho - ly One is here,

we will not_ fear, we will not fear: God is our
 we will not_ fear, we will not fear:
 we will not_ fear, we will not fear:

shel-ter and strength, God is our hope in an-y trou- ble..

God is our shel-ter and strength, God

is our help in an-y tri-al.---

Doxology


Marco Adria

R. Vaughan Williams 1911, "The Call," adapt. E. Harold Geer 1956

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Let's praise God for each good thing.



All cre - a - tion, sho - ut and sing!



Praise three per - sons, yet one Love:



Ma - ker, Sa - viour, Ho - ly Dove!



A - men.