

**ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

December 7, 2025  
Order of Service  
for the Worship of God

**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Mary is Everyone: A New Song of Liberation**  
**“We Are One”**



**Gathering Music**

Daniel Self, Music Director

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgment**

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

**Centering Song**

*#O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*(Revised with lyrics for Palestine)*

O come, o bright and ever-burning star,  
Bring Gaza comfort from afar!  
Dispel from her the shadow of death  
That murders dignity and chokes out breath.

Rejoice! Rejoice! God's justice is at hand  
To liberate the people and the land.

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Penny M, Liturgist

*(responsive)*

The season of Advent beckons and calls us: Seekers of Christ,  
come and search for your God!

**We look near and far in every direction.**

We take fresh notice of strangers and the most familiar of kin.

**We listen in the quiet and the chaos.**

We open to the scandalous and surprising.

**God will bear the flesh of the earth!**

Let us prepare our hearts. God comes to dwell among us.

**Opening Song**

*#109, With Joy Draw Water*

**Advent Candlelighting**

**Special Music**

*After the Wind* Nicholas Kelly

Alki UCC Community Choir

*After the wind in the wood, peace, and the night.*

*After the bond and the brood, flight.*

*After the height and the hush where the wild hawk swings,*

*Heart of the earth-loving thrush, shaken with wings.*

*After the bloom and the leaf, rain on the nest.*

*After the splendor and grief, rest.*

*After the hills and the far glories and gleams,*

*cloud, and the dawn of a star, and dreams.*

**Scripture**

Isaiah 11:1-10

NRSVue

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see  
or decide by what his ears hear,  
but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor  
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
The wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the lion will feed together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

Romans 15:4-6

NRSVue

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,  
so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we  
might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant  
you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,  
so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

**Sermon****Quiet Meditation****Song**#123, *Mary, Women of Promise***Prayers of the People****Time, Talent & Treasure****Celebrations****Mission Updates**

### Offering Invitation

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### Offertory

**Doxology for Advent**      Sung to tune of *What Child is This?*      (music at end)

### Prayer of Dedication

**Holy Communion**    *You are welcome to partake of your own Bread and Cup.*

### Communion Hymn

**Closing Song**      #524, *This Little Light of Mine*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)*

*Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine,*

*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)*

*Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)*

*Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

### Benediction

### Postlude

Liturgy adapted from enfolded:  
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# Advent Doxology

*(to the tune of What Child Is This)*

Traditional

