



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
January 11, 2026
Order of Service for the Worship of God
First Sunday
after the Epiphany

Gathering Music

Daniel Self, Music Director

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Centering Song *Baptized in Water*

Michael Saward

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the love of Christ our God;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign our savior's love;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Call to Worship

John C, Liturgist

(responsive)

Come, you who are weary, you who have been bruised by life,
you whose flame has flickered in the winds of the world.

We come, longing to be renewed.

The Holy One who stretches out the heavens
is stretching us now— stretching our hearts toward courage,
our hands toward compassion, our lives toward gentle justice.

We open ourselves to be stretched into new life.

A voice from heaven says to us, as it said to Jesus:
You are my beloved. This Spirit rests upon us, too.

We are God's Beloved, called to bring gentle justice.

Come, let us remember who we are.

Let us worship God with joy.

Opening Song

#584, *I Am the Light of the World*

Prayer for Transformation

Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Sermon

Quiet Meditation

Song

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in deep despair
My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of the snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain

Dan Schutte

I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will call you by your name,
I will set a feast for all.
My love will save.
Daily bread I will provide
Till all hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Prayers of the People and Renewal of Baptism

Time, Talent & Treasure

Mission Updates

Offering Invitation

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Offertory

Doxology

#27, Lasst 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.

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song

Reckless Love

Cory Asbury (lyrics next page)

Benediction

Postlude

Reckless Love:

Before I spoke a word,
You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me.

Before I took a breath,
You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me.

[CHORUS]

**Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found,
leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it,
still, You give Yourself away**

**Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending,
Reckless love of God**

When I was Your foe,
Still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me.

When I felt no worth,
You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

[CHORUS]

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie you won't tear down
Coming after me

[CHORUS]



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