



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 15, 2026

Order of Service

for the Worship of God

Transfiguration Sunday

Gathering Music

Prelude *Be Still and Know* Daniel Self, Piano

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment Rev. Tiare M,
Guest Preacher

Centering Song *Threefold Amen* Alki UCC Choir and Congregation

Call to Worship Joe M, Liturgist (responsive)
We gather in the presence of an Extravagant God—
who spreads out the lushness of the cosmos,
and blessed our becoming.
We gather today changed by moments of Awe—
the wonder we witness calls us to the work of mutuality,
for we are siblings on our beautiful, heartbroken planet home.
Let us praise the God of Transformation—
They are creative in Their Way-Making Love!

Opening Song *Here I Am to Worship* Tim Hughes
Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.
So, here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down Here I am to say that
You're my God! You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me!
King of all days, Oh so highly exalted, Glorious in Heaven above,
Humbly You came to the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor

Prayer for Transformation

Special Music *Balm in Gilead* Traditional Spiritual Arr: Jack Schrader
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."

Scripture **2 Peter 1:16-19** New Revised Standard Version

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Matthew 17:1-8

The Message

Six days later, three of them saw that glory. Jesus took Peter and the brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. Sunlight poured from his face. His clothes were filled with light. Then they realized that Moses and Elijah were also there in deep conversation with him.

Peter broke in, "Master, this is a great moment! What would you think if I built three memorials here on the mountain - one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah?" While he was going on like this, babbling, a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and sounding from deep in the cloud a voice: "This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of my delight. Listen to him."

When the disciples heard it, they fell flat on their faces, scared to death. But Jesus came over and touched them. "Don't be afraid." When they opened their eyes and looked around all they saw was Jesus, only Jesus.

Matthew 17:1-8

New Revised Standard Version

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

Sermon*We Have Beheld Christ's Glory!*

Rev. Tiare Mathison

Quiet Meditation**Song***Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

Bernadette Farrell (music at end)

Prayers of the People**Time, Talent & Treasure****Mission Updates****Offering Invitation**

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Offertory**Doxology** 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.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication**Closing Song**#183, *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain***Benediction****Postlude**

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

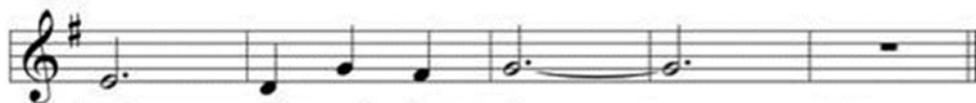
Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.



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