



## ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 3, 2026  
Order of Service  
for the Worship of God  
with Communion

### Stewardship Series Kick-Off

### Counterweight: “Peace for Troubled Hearts”

#### Gathering Music

Daniel Self, Music Director

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel, Designated-Term Pastor

#### Centering Song

*Pray for the Wilderness* Lee Yu San (all music at end)

#### Call to Worship

(inspired by Psalm 31) Daniel B, Liturgist (responsive)

In You, Holy One, we seek sanctuary. In you, Sovereign God, we seek refuge.

**Holy One, for your name’s sake lead us and guide us.**

You are indeed our rock and our fortress. Our times are in your hands.

Strengthen us in your righteousness.

**Holy One, for your name’s sake lead us and guide us.**

Shine upon us this day as we worship you. Saturate us in your steadfast love.

**Holy One, for your name’s sake lead us and guide us**

#### Opening Song

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* NCH 565

#### Prayer for Transformation

#### Special Music

*A Green Voice* Mari Esabel Valverde

Whatever cold tones an empty sky echoes  
after birds vanish from meadow and tree,  
and bright hues of color fade as the flowers lie buried in snow  
above roots sealed in frost, if the tunes grow faint in the ear of your memory

And the country of your silence seems windswept and bare,  
give sun to this plant that I bring you for Easter,  
this small tree risen with love from its earth,  
and listens as soft leaves unfold note by note,  
it will add a green voice to the time you need singing.

#### Scripture

*John 14:1-14*

*New Revised Standard Version, updated edition*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know<sup>[d]</sup> my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe<sup>[e]</sup> because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me<sup>[f]</sup> for anything, I will do it.

### Sermon

### Quiet Meditation

### Song

*Bridge Over Troubled Water*                      Simon & Garfunkel

When you're weary, feeling small,  
When tears are in your eyes, I will dry them all;  
I'm on your side. When times get rough  
And friends just can't be found,  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will lay me down.  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will lay me down.

When you're down and out,  
When you're on the street,  
When evening falls so hard  
I will comfort you.  
I'll take your part.  
When darkness comes  
And pain is all around,  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will lay me down.  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will lay me down.

Sail on silvery girl, Sail on by.  
Your time has come to shine.  
All your dreams are on their way.  
See how they shine.  
If you need a friend ... I'm sailing right behind.  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will ease your mind.  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will ease your mind.

**Prayers of the People**

**Stewardship Moment**

**Time, Talent & Treasure**

**Celebrations**

**Mission Updates**

**Offering Invitation**

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**Offertory**

**Doxology**                    *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*    (music next page)

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy Communion**            *You are invited to partake of your home Bread and Cup.*

Communion Hymn            *Let Us Break Bread Together* NCH 330

**Benediction**

**Closing Chorus**            God be with you till we meet again.  
By good counsel guide uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.

**Postlude**

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# Pray for the Wilderness

WILDERNESS

Trust for the jus - tice cre - at - ed things need,  
Trust that God's Christ o - ver - came nails and wood,  
work for the health - of each plant and it's \_\_\_ seed;  
trust that earth's peo - ple will turn to the \_\_\_ good;  
Work for the crea - tures a - buse has be - trayed,  
Trust that cre - a - tion for - ev - er wil grow,  
work for the gar - den God's wis - dom - once \_\_\_ made.  
Trust that God's good - ness to us o - ver \_\_\_ flows.

## Doxology – LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Thomas Ken, 1709

*Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be - low; Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God for all that love has done; Cre - a - tor Christ and spi - rit  
one: We praise thee, We praise thee, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!