



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 17, 2026
Order of Service
for the Worship of God

Counterweight: “We are Witnesses”

Gathering Music

Daniel Self, Music Director

Prelude

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel, Designated-Term Pastor

Centering Song

Open Our Hearts

Jim Strathdee

(all music at end)

Call to Worship

Marilynn M, Liturgist

(responsive)

The power of the Holy Spirit is her longing for intimacy—

to know and to be known. To love and to be loved.

And so it is with us—

We long, we cherish, we embrace, we yearn.

Let us worship God together!

Opening Song

O Christ, When You Ascended

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

(Lancashire, "The Day of Resurrection")

O Christ, when you ascended, you took your rightful throne;
Your time on earth had ended — yet we weren't left alone.
You reign o'er earth and heaven; your Spirit guides our way.
Your prayers uphold your people; you lead your church each day.
We look at earthly rulers and see what they command:
We note their years of power, the borders of their land.
Yet, Lord, you are not bounded by things like time and space;
Your reign is never-ending, you rule in every place.
We're tempted. Lord, to leave you in stories nicely told;
Sometimes we don't believe you and say your ways are old.
Sometimes we feel so lonely and live in doubt and fear —
But your ascension means, Lord, you're present with us here.
It's often quite a challenge to follow in your Way;
We're easily distracted! It's hard, Lord, to obey.
Sometimes we give you Sundays — an hour, maybe two —
But your ascension means, Lord, all life belongs to you.
One day, O Lord, we'll know you, as we are fully known;
One day this world of sinners will bow before your throne.
One day, God's whole creation will sing and praise your name;
On earth as now in heaven, we'll celebrate your reign.

Prayer for Transformation

Scripture Acts 1:6-14 New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Sermon

Quiet Meditation

Song *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds* NCH 393

Prayers of the People

Stewardship Moment

Time, Talent & Treasure

Mission Updates

Offering Invitation

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Offertory

Doxology *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Prayer of Dedication

Benediction

Closing Chorus *Abide With Me* NCH 99

Postlude

Open Our Hearts

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C7 F Gm F/A B^b C Dm
O - pen our hearts, o - pen our minds.

C/E F Gm F/A B^b Gm⁷
O - pen our lives to you, O lov - ing

C Gm⁷ C C⁷ F Gm⁷ F
God. O - pen our hearts.

Doxology – LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Thomas Ken, 1709

Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

Prasie 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!



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