

4th Sunday of Easter

White (symbolizing Life)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship Service

April 22, 2018

As you are seated, please remember to fill out the attendance pad and pass it along the pew.

* - Indicates those who are able may stand

Bold – Everyone speaks

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (blue hardcover)

FWS – The Faith We Sing Hymnal (black paperback)

WAS – Worship and Song (green paperback)

Inspiration

Abraham Lincoln had a clear grasp of realities. It perhaps is what made him a great president. The gift of clear vision is illustrated in the observation he made about the legs of a dog. "How many legs does a dog have if you count the tail as a leg?" he asked. "Four. Calling a tail a leg doesn't make it a leg."

Calling it "love" does not make it love.

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

8:30 Marsha Frederick
11:00 Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

8:30 Betty Burke

11:00 Julie Foster

As we light this lamp, we pray for the safety of all who are in harm's way this day and especially for all those in the midst of conflict.

Grant us peace, grant them peace, grant the world peace, in the name of Your Son. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Call: Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord.

Response: To him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens, who thunders with mighty voice.

Call: Proclaim the power of God.

Response: Whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the heavens.

Call: You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.

All: Praise be to God!

—Adapted from Psalm 68:32-35.

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #138

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Call to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Invocation

God of the morning light, God of Easter miracles, open our hearts to hear once again the story of love overcoming death, of joy drowning out sorrow, of hope emerging from despair. Bring Easter to this moment. Touch us. Fill us. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Response and Call to Prayer

UMH #503

"Let It Breathe On Me"

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Brief prayers may be shared by people in the congregation.

*If it is a prayer request, the Pastor will end the prayer by saying,
"God, to your love..."*

If it is a praise, the Pastor will say, "God, in thanksgiving..."

*Then the people shall respond each time by saying:
"...we trust this prayer."*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (11:00)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem (11:00)

"The Lamb of God"

Choir

Especially for Children

FWS #2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Offering our Gifts

(All loose change goes to Birchwood Camp)

To our first time visitors: As the offering plate is passed, please understand that your presence is the only gift we ask. If you would join us again next Sunday, that would be appreciated even more!

*Doxology

UMH #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn of Preparation (11:00)

FWS #2162

"Grace Alone"

Reading from the Word

Listen for the Word of God.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23 (UMH 754 Response #2)

1 John 3:16-24

*John 10:11-18

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

The Message

Relena Lyddon-Myers

Holy Communion* (8:30)

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Discipleship**

UMH #408

"The Gift of Love"

***Taking Christ's Light into the World**

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** (*words on the overhead beams*)

***Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of God go with you.

And also with you.

Scriptures for next Sunday, April 29th

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31 (UMH 752)

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

***Communion Note**

We also have a separate gluten-free bread and chalice available for those who cannot have gluten. Please ask the servers for "gluten-free".