

# Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Color: Green (symbolizing Growth)

## The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. David Hall

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10 am Worship Service

August 25, 2019

*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)*

### Prelude

Terri Schimmack

### Greetings and Announcements

### Prayer of Safety

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.**

### \*Gathering Song

FWS #2172

"We Are Called"

## **Gathering in God's Name**

### **\*Call to Worship**

One: God is our rock and our fortress, our refuge and our strength.

**Many: God is our hope and our trust.**

**All: Praise the Lord!**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire, and the one who has consecrated us before time. You promise us a Kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided people; we foster separations and widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save. Amen.**

### **Moment of Stillness and Reflection**

#### **Words of Assurance**

One: Promising forgiveness and the sustenance we need to amend our lives, God rejoices in our longing for wholeness. Give thanks that we have been known and forgiven, set free to live the resurrected life of faith.

**Many: Amen.**

### **Call to Prayer**

**God of healing and reconciliation, you free us from our burdens and promise us safety and refuge. Help us to trust in your power, that we may praise you without qualification and rejoice in the power of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **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**

**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.**

### **Hymn of Preparation**

FWS #2213

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

### **First Reading from the Word**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

### **\*Responsorial Hymn**

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!

### **Proclamation of God's Word**

### **\*Prayer of Illumination**

**Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves. By your word, give us wisdom, by your Spirit, grant us healing, and set us free to serve you with love. We ask this through the One who heals in your name, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **\*Gospel Reading**

Luke 13:10-17

### **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.

### **The Message**

*Called: Rolling to Voicemail*

Rev. David Hall

## **Responding to God's Word**

### **Offering our Gifts and Song**

UMH #117

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*(All loose change goes to Beacon Hill)*

*If you are visiting for the first time, your presence is gift enough. We would love to see you again next Sunday!*

### **\*Presentation of the Gifts**

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

### **Service of Holy Communion\*\***

UMH #13

### **Order of Farewell**

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### **\*Hymn of Reflection**

UMH #336

"Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me"

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

Extinguishing the altar candles

### **\*Benediction**

One: Go forth into the world rejoicing, sure of the healing God offers.

**Many: We will share the good news with others, seeking those who feel unknown and forgotten.**

One: Be strengthened in your faith.

**Many: We will trust in the Kingdom that cannot be shaken! Amen.**

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

### **\*Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of God go with you.

**And also with you.**

### **\*\*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".

# An Order of Farewell to Church Members

Pastor: The church is a family. United by the common recognition of Jesus Christ as our Savior, we are all brothers and sisters. And, for a time, the United Methodist Church of Chugiak is our home. Like every human family, our church family is formed and reformed over time: as members are born, as they die, as members are adopted into our family, and as they leave our congregation for a new home, in a different place. For a time, Kim Berger, has lived with us. We have shared with each other good times and bad, we have shared each other's joys and sorrows, we have lightened each other's heavy loads. Together we have laughed and cried, together we have worshiped and praised God, together we have lived.

**Congregation: We feel sorrow in your leaving, yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of this new phase of your life. We will miss your love and support, yet we know you will add much to the lives of those who will be your new church family, as you have added much to our lives.**

*<<Candles on the altar will be burning. One of them will be removed by the pastor and handed to Kim.>>*

Pastor: The place where this candle stood will remain vacant for a time as a reminder of your absence from this family of Christ. However, take this light with you. Carry it in your heart and light it in your new home or within your new congregation, forever connecting the Spirit of the Body of Christ here at UMC Chugiak with those future places God carries you.

**Congregation: Go with our love. We will pray for you and the whole family of God.**

Pastor: Let us pray: O God, you are the strength and the protector of your people. We humbly place in your hands Kim Berger of this congregation who is about to leave us. Keep and preserve her, O Lord, in all health and safety, both of body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Our prayers go with you.

**All: Amen.**

**Sing Hymn**

UMH #557 (Verses 1, 4) "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"