



3rd Sunday of Advent

Color: Blue (symbolizing Love)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. David Hall

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10:15 am Worship Service

December 15, 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)

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

Dave Flagg

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 #2091

"The King of Glory Comes"

Gathering in God's Name

Lighting the Advent Candle—Love

UMH #204

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

***Call to Worship**

One: My soul magnifies the Lord;

Many: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

One: The Mighty One has done great things.

Many: Holy is God's name!

Luke 1:46-49

Call to Confession

Let the desert rejoice, and let the dry land be glad, for God has come to save us. Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way. Amen.

Isaiah 35:1-10

Moment of Stillness and Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Call to Prayer

Holy God, your prophets have long spoken of the one who would come to save us. Now the promise is fulfilled; now your kingdom has come near. Send us messengers of your way, to go and tell all the world of the wonders we have seen and the good news we have heard; through 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.

Praise and Preparation

"Advent Cry"

Choir

First Reading from the Word

Isaiah 35:1-10

***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**

Lord God, in this dry and dusty place, pour out the power of your Spirit so that your Word may blossom in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our way in the wilderness. Amen.

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 11:2-11

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.

Responding to God's Word

Response in Praise and Offering

FWS #2089

"Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

(All loose change goes to Anchorage Gospel Mission)

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

***Hymn of Reflection**

UMH #203

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Charge and Blessing**

One: Be patient, beloved ones, and let your hearts be strong, for the coming of the Lord is near. Bless the Lord with all your soul, and may the blessing of God be with you.

Many: Amen

***Benediction (Beam Song)**

***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".