

# 4th Sunday After Epiphany

Color: Green (symbolizing Growth)

## The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. David Hall

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10:15 am Worship Service

February 2, 2020

*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

John Abrams

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

UMH #87

“What Gift Can We Bring”

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

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

One: What does the Lord require of you?

**Many: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**

One: This is how we approach and bow down before God on high.

**Many: Thanks be to God for all that is good.**

### **Call to Confession**

Let us confess our sins to God, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk with God.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.**

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

### **Words of Assurance**

One: Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

### **Call to Prayer**

**Redeeming God, you come to us in Christ to rescue us from slavery and lead us out of captivity. Guide us by the wisdom of the cross, and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and blessedness. 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**

"Grace Lifted Me"

Choir

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

Micah 6:1-8

### **\*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**

**Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your Word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. Amen.**

### **\*Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5:1-12

### **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**

*Survival of the Most Unfit*

Rev. David Hall

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

### **Response in Praise and Offering**

UMH #402

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*(All loose change goes to Children's Lunchbox)*

*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**  
FWS #2155      "Blest Are They"

**\*Taking Christ's Light into the World**  
Extinguishing the altar candles

**\*Charge and Blessing**  
One: In the spirit of the beatitudes, commit to leading a life of blessing,  
living in compassion, simplicity, and peace. May God, the Creator,  
Healer, and Giver of Life - bless you and keep you always.  
**Many: Amen**

**\*Benediction (Beam Song)**

**\*Passing the Peace**  
One: Christ calls us to be fishers of women and men for the sake of His  
beloved Kingdom. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Many: Amen**

**\*\*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".