

1st Sunday After Epiphany

Color: White (symbolizing Life)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10 am Worship Service

January 13, 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)

Inspiration

Syncretica was a fourth-century Christian mystic. She said, "In the beginning, there are a great many battles and a good deal of suffering for those who are advancing toward God and afterward, ineffable joy." She then gives us an image for this process. "It is like those who wish to light a fire; at first they are choked by the smoke and cry, and in this way they obtain what they seek ... so we, too, must kindle the divine fire in ourselves through tears and hard work."

—"Syncretica," in Laura Swan's *The Forgotten Desert Mothers*
(Mahwah, N.J.: Paulist Press, 2001), 43.

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

Ellen Franklin

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**

Leader: Why are we here?

People: We are here to receive God's Spirit, to see visions with the eagerness of youth, to dream dreams with the confidence of age, to hear the word of the Lord through all the people of God.

Leader: Come, then, expecting the wind of the Spirit to open closed windows, to make fresh breezes blow. Seek, and you will find. Listen, and you will hear.

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #117

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Call to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Invocation

O God, we come before you as a people gathered to behold the Christ, a light dawned that cannot be extinguished. In this new year, we offer special thanks for this community of faith and your faithful presence. Help us to see more clearly your glorious light, that we will open our hearts to your reign on earth and dedicate our lives to your service.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Response and Call to Prayer

FWS #2152

"Change My Heart, O God"

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.

Anthem

FWS #2174

Choir and Congregation

"What Does the Lord Require of You"

Especially for Children

FWS #2233

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

Offering our Gifts

(All loose change goes to Anchorage Gospel Mission)

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**

Reading from the Word

Listen for the Word of God.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29 (UMH 761)

Acts 8:14-17

*Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

The Message

God Didn't Say That!

Rev. Tim McConville

***Hymn of Discipleship**

FWS #2218

"You Are Mine"

***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, January 20th

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36:5-10 (UMH 771)

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11