

Epiphany Sunday

Color: White (symbolizing Life)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10 am Worship Service

January 6, 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

“I have become convinced that the very contradictions in my life are in some ways signs of God’s mercy to me; if only because someone so complicated and so prone to confusion and self-defeat could hardly survive for long without special mercy.”

Trappist monk and author Thomas Merton

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

Betty Burke

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: Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

People: Darkness has been banished!

Leader: God's light of hope floods the earth.

People: God's light comes to us all.

Leader: Lord, make us ready to journey to this light.

People: Prepare our hearts to receive this light. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #251

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

The Installation of Officers

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Call to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Holy God, in this season that commemorates the life and ministry of Jesus, remind us that his ministry is always and ever actively reaching out toward us. And in this hour of worship, help us to be open to the challenges of his words, the power of his healing, and the opportunity to labor alongside him as both Savior and friend. In his holy name. Amen.

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

Special Music

"I Wonder as I Wander"

Sara Warren

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 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 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14 (*UMH 795, Response 1*)

Philippians 3:4b-14

*Matthew 2:1-12

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

The Message

Janus and Jesus

Rev. Tim McConville

The Wesley Covenant

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Holy Communion*

The Great Thanksgiving

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 Discipleship**

UMH #383

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

***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 13th

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29 (UMH 761)

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

***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”.