

Pentecost Sunday

Color: Red (symbolizing the Holy Spirit)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10 am Worship Service

June 9, 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

How far can evil go in a world of this kind? How far can force go? How far can lies and clever manipulation go? How far can you cover up the designs of evil in the cloak of good and religion? ...

No! For Jesus gathers all these questions in his body and answers them in his resurrected body and spirit the third day! ...

Suppose Jesus had answered all these questions verbally as philosophers and theologians do. It would have all ended in debate and question marks. But when he answers them in the Resurrection, debate ends and dedication begins. Our questions now become a quest — a quest “to know him and the power of his resurrection.”

—E. Stanley Jones, The Word Became Flesh (Abingdon, 2006).

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

Terri Schimmack

Announcements

Prayer of Safety

Steve Lambert

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: On this day of Pentecost, as we worship,

People: May God pour out his great Spirit upon us.

Leader: May the power and promise of that day long ago,

People: Renew us and our church on this Pentecost day.

Leader: In our worship, may our hearts be set afire with enthusiasm,

People: And may our lives show forth with energy and courage as we live the Good News of new life.

***Opening Praise**

UMH #347

"Spirit Song"

Call to Confession

We do not stop enough to listen to the still-speaking God. And like the people of Jerusalem long ago, we often misunderstand the Spirit's movement among us. In the silence and stillness of this moment, let us draw near to God and listen.

[silence]

Let us confess together:

Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, Renewing Spirit, that we confuse unity with uniformity and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means assimilating others to our way of living. We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person. We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not know how. Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. And empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided, but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth. Thanks be to God!

Response and Call to Prayer

FWS #2143

"O Lord, Your Tenderness"

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.

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 Birchwood Camp)

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.

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (*UMH #826*)

Romans 8:14-17

*John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

The Message

Our Very Own

Geoffrey Woods

***Hymn of Discipleship**

UMH #393

"Spirit of the Living God"

***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.