

4th Sunday of Lent

Color: Purple (symbolizing Penitence)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10 am Worship Service

March 31, 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

Eat little at a time, and only at need. For these things are given to serve you when all else fails. The cakes will keep sweet for many, many days, if they are unbroken and left in their leaf-wrappings, as we have brought them. One will keep a traveler on his feet for a day of long labor, even if he be one of the tall men of Minas Tirith.

— J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

Marsha Frederick

Announcements

Prayer of Safety

Jackie Holmquist

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: Brothers and sisters, come back from the far country, from the exile of self-contempt or the fields of dutiful labor.

People: For God longs to welcome and love us!

Leader: God weighs neither the sad detours of our journey nor our cheerless attempts to earn favor.

People: We who have been lost are found in the embrace of God's arms. We are found when we forgive each other and seal our peace with joy!

Leader: Let us worship God, who awaits our return with lavish love.

People: Amen.

***Opening Praise**

UMH #384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Lord, for our preoccupation with things; for believing we would be happy if we only had more; for neglecting family in the pursuit of advancement; for giving low priority to the kingdom of God; for judging right and wrong on the basis of profit; for allowing discontent to cloud our lives; for pampering the body while starving the soul. With cries and petitions, we call out to you in the midst of our hurting. In the agony of our pain, we reach for you. In the turmoil of our brokenness, we plead for your healing touch. Save us, God. Save us from death, illness, pain, depression, economic oppression, racial inequity, fear, loneliness, violence and hate. We accept your grace and providential care for us in every area of life and cling to your assurance of love and acceptance. Forgive us, Lord, for our preoccupation with the things of the world, and enable us to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Know that God always goes with us. Know that God is always there to lead us, guide us, forgive us, comfort us and encourage us. Know that God is always near to us, now and forever. Amen.

Response and Call to Prayer

FWS #2068

"I Love You, Lord"

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

"Who Is The Lamb"

Choir

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.

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32 (UMH 766)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

The Message

Rev. Tim McConville

***Hymn of Discipleship**

WAS #3101

"Love Lifted Me"

***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, April 7th

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126 (UMH 847)

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8