

2nd Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple (symbolizing Penitence)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. David Hall

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10:15 am Worship Service

March 8, 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

Sherri Criley

Prayer of Safety

Jessica Prophitt

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.

*Sharing of Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Please take a moment to share the message of Christ's peace to those seated around you.

*Gathering Song

UMH #159

"Lift High the Cross"

Gathering in God's Name

***Call to Worship**

One: From where will our help come?

Many: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: Who is our keeper?

Many: The Lord is our keeper by day and by night.

One: How long will God protect us?

Many: God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Call to Confession

We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God's love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits risky to change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Moment of Stillness and Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Many: Thanks be to God.

Call to Prayer

God our helper, our shade, our protector, you are able to give life to the dead, to call into being things that do not exist. We trust in your power to make all things new; to keep us in sunlight and moonlight, along rocky paths and pathways unknown; until all our going and coming brings us at last to your kingdom promised in Christ, in whose name we pray. 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

"New Born Again"

Choir

First Reading from the Word

Genesis 12:1-4

***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**

God of signs and wonders, we come to your word again and again, seeking understanding and the life it offers. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and our minds so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray. Amen.

***Gospel Reading**

John 3: 1-17

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

Of Earthly Things, Of Heavenly Things Rev. David Hall

Responding to God's Word

Response in Praise and Offering

UMH #369

"Blessed Assurance"

(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

***Charge and Blessing**

One: Go out in faith trusting in God's sense of direction. Remember how much God loves this world and so love the world in the name of Christ, that your testimony becomes the good news someone else has been waiting to receive.

Many: May our testimony reveal our love of God and of one another.

All: Amen.

***Taking Christ's Light into the World**

(Please Stand in Silence as the Light is Carried Out)

Please exit in silence. Those wishing to stay and pray, please do so knowing that we pray with you and God listens and responds.

This is a special time of reflection as we move through this penitential season of Lent.

God be with you until we meet again.

****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".