

Third Sunday of Easter

Color: White (symbolizing Life)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10 am Worship Service

May 5, 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

Imagine my delight, then, when I discovered last Tuesday that someone I know actually grew up on a sheep farm in the Midwest and that according to him sheep are not dumb at all. It is the cattle ranchers who are responsible for spreading that ugly rumor, and all because sheep do not behave like cows.

Cows are herded from the rear by hooting cowboys with cracking whips, but that will not work with sheep at all. Stand behind them making loud noises and all they will do is run around behind you, because they prefer to be led.

You push cows, but you lead sheep, and they will not go anywhere that someone else does not go first. Their shepherd who goes ahead of them to show them that everything is all right.

*—Barbara Brown Taylor, The Preaching Life
(Rowman & Littlefield, 1993), 146.*

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

Terri Schimmack

Announcements

Prayer of Safety

Chuck Foster

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: Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?"

People: We must ask ourselves, "Do we love God?"

Leader: Jesus told Peter, "Feed my sheep."

People: We must answer Christ's call to care for others.

Leader: Jesus calls to the disciples, "Follow me."

People: May we listen, answer and follow the call of Christ in this time of worship.

***Opening Praise**

UMH #57

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Litany of Confession

Leader: Resurrected Christ, you come to us when we least expect it, offering to us lives of a different kind of abundance.

People: Yet we often fail to sense your presence with us and misuse your generous gifts.

Leader: Joyful Spirit, you long to turn our mourning into dancing, to change our funeral clothes into garments of exuberance.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ forgives the most impossible sins, overcomes the greatest fears, comforts the loudest cries and breaks down the strongest barriers to his love and peace. Through the resurrection, Christ's power in the Holy Spirit lives and works here and now. Brothers and sisters, know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

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

Anthem

"Born to be the Bread"

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 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 9:1-6, (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

*John 21:1-19

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

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 #261

"Lord of the Dance"

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

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Benediction**

May God, who comes to us
in the things of this world,
bless your eyes, and be in your seeing.
May Christ, who looks upon you
with deepest love,
bless your eyes, and widen your gaze.
May the Spirit, who perceives what is
and what may yet be,
bless your eyes, and sharpen your vision.
May the Sacred Three
bless your eyes, and cause you to see.

—Jan L. Richardson, In the Sanctuary of Women, copyright © Jan L. Richardson. Posted on "The Painted Prayerbook." paintedprayerbook.com.

***Benediction Response** (*words on the overhead beams*)

***Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of God go with you.

And also with you.

***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".