

19th Sunday After Pentecost

Color: Green (symbolizing Growth)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. David Hall

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10:15 am Worship Service

October 20, 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)

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

Steve Eng

Prayer of Safety

Ellen Franklin

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.

*Gathering Song

UMH #593

"Here I Am, Lord"

Gathering in God's Name

*Call to Worship

One: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

Many: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

One: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:

Many: For the days are coming says the Lord.

One: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

Many: For the days are surely coming says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.

Call to Confession

The new covenant God has made with Israel, and with us, begins in forgiveness. Though we continually break covenant with God, God remains faithful. We confess our sins to God, trusting that God will forgive us and remember our sins no more.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary of following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Moment of Stillness and Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: The Scriptures are given to correct our ways, to train us in righteousness, and to equip us for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is the only judge of the living and the dead, we give thanks for the gift of forgiveness.

Many: By the grace of Christ, we will be persistent in the life of faith to which we are called.

Call to Prayer

O God who writes on our hearts, you have never abandoned us. In amazing and persistent grace, you have kept covenant with us. We thank you for loving us even when we have not loved you. We long to behold the day of your appearing, even as we stand now in view of your kingdom, promised and made present in Christ Jesus, in whose name we wait and 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

UMH #383

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

First Reading from the Word

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Second Reading from the Word

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

***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**

Holy God, the words of Scripture are God-breathed words - inspired by you and given life through the power of your Holy Spirit. By your Spirit breathe your word into us, so that we become proficient in the language of faith and equipped to proclaim the message we receive, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Living Word. Amen.

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 18:1-8

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

Written On Our Hearts

Rev. David Hall

Responding to God's Word

Response in Praise and Offering

Special Music

Guest Artist: Steve Eng

(All loose change goes to Anchorage Gospel Mission)

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

***Hymn of Reflection**

FWS #2060

"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

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

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Charge and Blessing**

One: May the presence of God, the grace of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain us in faith and service, now and forever.

Many: Amen

***Benediction (Beam Song)**

***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".