

20th 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 27, 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

Mission Moments

Finance Committee

Missions Committee

Don Weckhorst

Dave Flagg

Presentation from CCS Early Learning

Mark Lackey

Prelude

Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

Betty Burke

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 #451

"Be Thou My Vision"

Gathering in God's Name

***Call to Worship**

One: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

Many: you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

One: By your strength you established the mountains;

Many: you are girded with might.

One: You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the people.

Many: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

Call to Confession

Even before we admit our sin, God promises to hear us with mercy. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Prayer of Confession

No words can express the depth of our need or reveal the extent of our sin. But you know us completely, O God. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love. Humbly, we thank you; for no words can express our gratitude for the gift of your salvation. Amen.

Moment of Stillness and Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: Sisters and brothers, the news is so good we can scarcely believe it: God does not hold our sin against us but pours out abundant grace. Give thanks to God and by the Spirit's power share the gospel far and near: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Call to Prayer

Good and gracious God, you promise to pour out your Spirit upon us; you are the hope of the world. Give us strength, that we might serve you; make us humble, that we might live for your glory alone. In the name of Jesus 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

"Cry Out Zion"

Choir

First Reading from the Word

Joel 2:23-32

***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**

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. By your Spirit make yourself known to us through the reading and preaching of your Word, that we might be faithful witnesses in this life and joyful companions in the next, even with Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 18:9-14

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.

Responding to God's Word

Response in Praise and Offering

FWS #2120

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

(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

Order of Farewell

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Alan & Sharolyn Kelley

***Hymn of Reflection**

FWS #2162

"Grace Alone"

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

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Charge and Blessing**

One: Have courage; keep the faith; rely on the strength that comes from God. May the creator nurture you, the Teacher walk with you, and the Spirit strengthen you, this day and forevermore.

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".

An Order of Farewell to Church Members

Pastor: The church is a family. United by the common recognition of Jesus Christ as our Savior, we are all brothers and sisters. And, for a time, the United Methodist Church of Chugiak is our home. Like every human family, our church family is formed and reformed over time: as members are born, as they die, as members are adopted into our family, and as they leave our congregation for a new home, in a different place. For a time, Alan and Sharolyn have lived with us. We have shared with each other good times and bad, we have shared each other's joys and sorrows, we have lightened each other's heavy loads. Together we have laughed and cried, together we have worshiped and praised God, together we have lived.

Congregation: We feel sorrow in your leaving, yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of this new phase of your life. We will miss your love and support, yet we know you will add much to the lives of those who will be your new church family, as you have added much to our lives.

<<Candles on the altar will be burning. One of them will be removed by the pastor and handed to the Kelleys.>>

Pastor: The place where this candle stood will remain vacant for a time as a reminder of your absence from this family of Christ. However, take this light with you. Carry it in your heart and light it in your new home or within your new congregation, forever connecting the Spirit of the Body of Christ here at UMC Chugiak with those future places God carries you.

Congregation: Go with our love. We will pray for you and the whole family of God.

Pastor: Let us pray: O God, you are the strength and the protector of your people. We humbly place in your hands Alan and Sharolyn Kelley of this congregation who are about to leave us. Keep and preserve them, O Lord, in all health and safety, both of body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Our prayers go with you.

All: Amen.

Sing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH #557, vs. 1 & 4