

15th Sunday After Pentecost

Green (symbolizing the Growth)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

9:30 am Worship Service

September 2, 2018

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

It is my firm faith that we can conquer the world by truth and love.

—Ghandi

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

Terri Schimmack

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: God of life,

All: You are as near to us as our breath.

Leader: Touch our eyes,

All: That we may see you in one another.

Leader: Open our ears,

All: That we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.

Leader: Enter our hearts,

All: That we may be filled with your love toward all people.

Leader: Come, Oh God of life and breath and wholeness,

All: Be with us now. Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage to be people of your Way.

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #92

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Call to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Creator God, you made us to be neighbors, members of one family blessed with great diversity. You created us to be helpers and friends to one another, entrusting to us your justice and your joy. Yet we have denied justice and joy to many, creating worlds of poverty, pain, lost opportunities, and absence of hope. In so many ways, we break each other's hearts. Still, you do not reject us. We ask your forgiveness and pray to be transformed.

Brief silence

Loving God, you restore us to each other and to you, mending our hearts and repairing the world. Through the power of your Spirit, you shape us to be for others what Christ is for us: pardon and peace, new life and blessing. We give you thanks for your love, forgiveness, and constant presence. Amen.

The World UM Social Affirmation

UMH #886

See Insert

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."

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.

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 Beacon Hill)

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.

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 (and a Story)

UMH #643

"When Love is Found"

Turn to others sitting near you and reflect a moment or two about how/if God speaks to you thru this combination of scriptures, story, and song.

James 1:17-27 (and a Story)

FWS #2236

"Gather Us In"

Turn to others sitting near you and reflect a moment or two about how/if God speaks to you thru this combination of scripture, story, and song.

*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (and a Story)

UMH #206

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Turn to others sitting near you and reflect a moment or two about how/if God speaks to you thru this combination of scriptures, story, and song.

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Discipleship**

UMH #405

"Seek Ye First"

***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, September 9th

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125 or Psalm 124 (UMH 846)

James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37