

15th 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

September 22, 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)

Prelude

Sally Laird

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer of Safety

Jan Wachsmuth

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**

FWS #2172

"We Are Called"

Gathering in God's Name

***Call to Worship**

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Many: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful, washes us clean. With one heart and voice, let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Creator of the universe, casualty of our sin, breath of life, we come trembling before you for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future. We have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for you. We have squandered your trust and grieved your heart with our betrayal. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. Amen.

Moment of Stillness and Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is everlasting to everlasting. It cannot be contained, but must be poured out. Nothing you have done, nothing you will ever do is enough to separate you from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. I declare in the name of the risen Christ that our sin is forgiven and our lives are made new.

Many: Amen.

Call to Prayer

You hear the cries of your people for justice and mercy; you answer our prayers with the gift of your Son, who bears our burdens and sets us free. Speak your truth to us; purge and refine us; that we may love and serve you alone. 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

"Take Now My Voice"

Choir

First Reading from the Word

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

***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 life, by the power of your Spirit come to us now. Plow our hearts with your living Word until we who are broken become fertile with your love, for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. Amen.

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 16:1-13

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

Dressed to Impress

Rev. David Hall

Responding to God's Word

Response in Praise and Offering

FWS #2149

"Living for Jesus"

(All loose change goes to CCS Early Learning)

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**

UMH #399

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

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

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Charge and Blessing**

One: Sisters and Brothers, however dark the night gets - whatever you have squandered - know that you are held by a love like this: the Creator who made you still claims you in covenant love; the Redeemer who died for your sake, lives again by the Word of God; the Sustainer of all creation, yet breathes courage into your heart. Go, then, and serve boldly, for God's desire encompasses the whole of creation.

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".