

1st Sunday in Lent

White (symbolizing Purity)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship Service

February 18, 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

*O Lord, who hast mercy upon all,
take away from me my sins,
and mercifully kindle in me
the fire of thy Holy Spirit.
Take away from me the heart of stone,
and give me a heart of flesh,
a heart to love and adore Thee,
a heart to delight in Thee,
to follow and enjoy Thee, for Christ's sake. Amen.
—Saint Ambrose of Milan (339-397).*

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

8:30 Marsha Frederick
11:00 Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

8:30 Steve Lambert

11:00 John Mitchell

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: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

All: that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths.

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #269

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Call to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Invocation

God of Eternal Love, we have made our commitment to you, and have started a new journey into purposeful growth. But, we know that if we are to remain faithful we need your help and your strength.

So, we ask ...

Teach us to pray with faith and read your word with understanding.

Teach us to worship with passion and gather together with love.

Teach us to give generously, serve compassionately and use our time mindfully, so that we may reflect your goodness, and that others may discover your grace through us. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

—John van de Laar.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Response and Call to Prayer

FWS #2068

"I Love You, Lord"

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 (11:00)

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.

Anthem (11:00)

"Come to the Water"

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 Children's Lunch Box)

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**

Hymn of Preparation (11:00)

FWS #2112

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

Reading from the Word

Listen for the Word of God.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10 (*UMH #756 sing response #2*)

1 Peter 3:18-22

*Mark 1:9-15

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

The Message

Wilderness Prayers

Rev. Tim McConville

Holy Communion* (8:30)

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Discipleship**

UMH #479

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

***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, February 25^h

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31 (*UMH 752*)

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

***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".