

4th Sunday After Epiphany

Green (symbolizing Growth)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship Service

January 28, 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

The prophet engages in futuring fantasy. The prophet does not ask if the vision can be implemented, for questions of implementation are of no consequence until the vision can be imagined. The imagination must come before the implementation. Our culture is competent to implement almost anything and to imagine almost nothing. The same royal consciousness that makes it possible to implement anything and everything is the one that shrinks imagination because imagination is a danger. Thus every totalitarian regime is frightened of the artist. It is the vocation of the prophet to keep alive the ministry of imagination, to keep on conjuring and proposing futures alternative to the single one the king wants to urge as the only thinkable one.

—Walter Brueggemann, *The Prophetic Imagination* (Fortress, 2001)

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

8:30 Marsha Frederick
11:00 Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

8:30 Betty Burke
11:00 Jackie Holmquist

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: O Lord, mold your church today into the shape of the message you embodied in Jesus the Christ.

People: Let us release the fragrant aroma of a Christbody community. Let us be rich with the essence of agape, and let your love live through us.

Leader: May this Church be "a Paradise Found" to all who enter through its doors.

*Opening Hymn

UMH #89

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Call to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, the privilege is ours to share in the loving, healing, reconciling mission of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in this age and wherever we are; may your Spirit make us wise; may your Spirit guide us; may your Spirit renew us; may your Spirit strengthen us so that we will be: strong in faith, discerning in proclamation, courageous in witness, persistent in good deeds. This we ask through the name of the Father.

--From the Church of the Province of the West Indies, as cited in Desmond Tutu, An African Prayer Book

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)

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

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)

Blue Folder #24

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

Reading from the Word

Listen for the Word of God.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 111 (*UMH 832 Sing response #2*)

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

*Mark 1:21-28

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

The Message

The Prophetic Voice

Rev. Tim McConville

Holy Communion* (8:30)

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Discipleship**

UMH #264

"Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"

***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 4^h

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c (*UMH 859*)

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

***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".