

# 4th Sunday in Lent

Purple (symbolizing Penitence)

## The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship Service

March 11, 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

*Why should I wish to see God better than this day?*

*I see something of God each hour of the twenty-four, and each moment then,*

*In the faces of men and women I see God, and in my own face in the glass;*

*I find letters from God dropped in the street, and every one is signed by God's name,*

*And I leave them where they are,*

*for I know that others will punctually come forever and ever.*

—Walt Whitman, "Song of Myself" in Leaves of Grass.

## Words of Welcome

## Greeting

## Prelude

8:30 Marsha Frederick  
11:00 Terri Schimmack

## **Prayer of Safety**

8:30

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: Gather round, we have come for worship.

**People: We may have come as dry and thirsty souls longing for refreshment and hope.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, may the Holy Spirit come upon us now.

**People: In our worship, may we be blessed and may we find the joy of eternal life.**

## **\*Opening Hymn**

UMH #176

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

## **Call to Prayer**

### **Lenten Prayer of Confession**

**Forgive us, O God, if we have preferred the old to the new, half life to full life, and our own achievements to your gift of life. Forgive us if we have ignored Jesus' teachings, slighted his gracious love and tried to discover the meaning of our life apart from our Teacher. Forgive us if we have run away from the difficult decisions of life, evading the cross and missing the mark.**

**Forgive us if we have used the church to support and strengthen privilege and to safeguard a willful way of life, if we have lived on memory and nostalgia rather than on experience and hope.**

**Forgive us if we have failed to see the signs of your presence in our common life. Forgive us if we have refused to work in cooperation with your Spirit.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, and enable us to lay hold of the life that is life indeed. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and uphold us with your gracious Spirit.**

**Accept us, O God, and deliver us from all our sin, through Jesus, our Christ. Amen.**

## **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)

"The Lone, Wild Bird"

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 #2162

"Grace Alone"

## **Reading from the Word**

Listen for the Word of God.

**Our hearts and minds are open.**

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

\*John 3:14-21

## **Thanksgiving for the Word**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God**

## **The Message**

Rev. Tim McConville

## **Holy Communion\*** (8:30)

The Lord's Prayer

## **\*Hymn of Discipleship**

UMH #292

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

## **\*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.**

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## **Scriptures for next Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785)

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

## **\*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".