

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Color: Green (symbolizing Growth)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

8:30 and 11:00 am Worship Service

November 12, 2017

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)

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

8:30 Marsha Frederick
11:00 Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

8:30 Amy Steffian
11:00 Sandra Woods

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: A blessing for you -- will you take it?

People: Let us choose today.

Leader: A word from the heart -- will you speak it?

People: We will choose today.

Leader: Will you believe, or your Savior neglect?

People: We will serve the Lord.

Leader: Will you receive, or his mercy reject?

People: We will serve the Lord.

Leader: Pause, ere you answer, oh, pause and reflect --

People: We will serve the Lord.

Adapted from the hymn "Choose Ye This Day," by Fannie Crosby

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #117

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Call to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Here we are, Lord, your people. Though we are sometimes foolish, though we go astray and don't always seek after you, we are still here, and we are still your people. Be with us in this time of worship, and teach us to call on you. Help us to pursue your righteousness, and to know that deliverance comes from you. Let us feel the stirrings of your Spirit this and every day. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Response and Call to Prayer

FWS #2207

"Lord, Listen to Your Children"

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.

Anthem (11:00) "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" Choir

Especially for Children

FWS #2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Offering our Gifts

(All loose change goes to Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission)

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 #2130

"The Summons"

Reading from the Word

Listen for the Word of God.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*Matthew 25:1-13

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

The Message

Chuck Foster

***Hymn of Discipleship**

UMH #577

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Benediction**

May the power and blessing of Almighty God go with us all as we leave this place to serve a weary world. May we make good and holy choices that channel love, compassion, and that show God's presence to those around us. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you today and always. Amen.

***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, November 19th

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123 or Psalm 76 (*UMH 797*)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30