

21st 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

October 29, 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)

Inspiration

O, Creator past all telling,

You have appointed from the treasure of your wisdom the hierarchies of angels, disposing them in wondrous order above the bright heavens, and have so beautifully set out all parts of the universe.

You we call the true fount of wisdom and the noble origin of all things.

Be pleased to shed on the darkness of mind in which we were born, the twofold beam of your light and warmth to dispel my ignorance and sin.

You make eloquent the tongues of children.

Then instruct my speech and touch my lips with graciousness.

Make me keen to understand, quick to learn, able to remember; make me delicate to interpret and ready to speak.

Guide my going in and going forward; lead home my going forth.

You are true God and true man, and live for ever and ever.

Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

8:30 Terri Schimmack
11:00 Marsha Frederick

Prayer of Safety

8:30 Nathan Woods

11:00 Dave Flagg

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: Dear Lord, we most humbly beg you to give us grace not only to be hearers of the Word, but doers also of the same;

People: Not only to love, but also to live your gospel;

Leader: Not only to favor, but also to follow your godly doctrine;

People: Not only to profess, but also to practice your blessed commandments,

All: To the honor of your holy name, and the health of our souls. Amen.

— Adapted from Thomas Becon, early English reformer

*Opening Hymn

UMH #110

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Invocation

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

My Lord, fill it.

I am weak in the faith; strengthen me.

I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor.

I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether.

O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.

In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have.

I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.

I am a sinner; you are upright.

With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness.

Therefore, I will remain with you of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.

Amen.

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

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 (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)

"Jehovah Shalom (He is Our Peace)"

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 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 #2152

“Change My Heart, O God”

Reading from the Word

Listen for the Word of God.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

*Matthew 22:34-46

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 #57

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

***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.

***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”.