

15th 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

September 17, 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)

TFWS – The Faith We Sing Hymnal (black paperback)

WAS – Worship and Song (green paperback)

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

8:30 Betty Burke

11:00 Pamela McConville

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: We come together as seekers.

People: That we might learn what God would have us do and where God would have us go.

Leader: We come together to renew our faith.

People: That we might bring hope to others.

All: To the God who is the source of goodness and love, let us sing our praise!

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #368

"My Hope Is Built"

Call to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that in attitude and action this week, we have been less than you created and called us to be. We have forgotten your blessings toward us and in so doing, have failed to be a blessing to others. We have taken for granted the limitless depth of your love and forgiveness, and in so doing, we have withheld love and forgiveness from others. In our misguided efforts to maintain control, we have clung to bitterness, hurt, anger and disappointment, rather than letting go in faith and trust, releasing ourselves to the healing and cleansing power of your Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us for our willingness to settle for so much less than you desire to give us and to do in us. Restore us to right relationship with you and with one another, for the sake of your Son, our Savior and Friend, Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

"As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us." Friends, this is the message of the gospel. This is the Good News which we believe and proclaim: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!"
—Based on Psalm 103

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)

"Thanks Be To God"

Choir

Saxophone Accompaniment

Caleb Rapanut

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 Beacon Hill)

*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)

UMH #176

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

Reading from the Word

Listen for the Word of God.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Exodus 14:19-31

Exodus 15:1-11, 20-21 (*UMH 135*)

Romans 14:1-12

*Matthew 18:21-35

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 #389

"Freely, Freely"

***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, September 24th

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78 (*UMH 799*)

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

***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".