1st Sunday After Epiphany

Color: White (symbolizing Life)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. David Hall Ministers: The Entire Congregation 10:15 am Worship Service January 12, 2020

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)

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

John Abrams

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.

*Gathering Song

WAS #3045

"Down by the Jordan"

Gathering in God's Name

*Call to Worship

One: In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

Many: In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

One: God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

Many: God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

One: Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water. Many: Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

One: Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

Many: God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family.

Praise be!

Call to Confession

Let us be bold and confess our sins, for God is gracious and always ready to forgive.

Prayer of Confession

God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

Moment of Stillness and Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Call to Prayer

God of life and new life, you are splendid and strong! Your voice thunders above the sound of loud waters. You sit enthroned above the floods of life. As Jesus heard you speak to him in his baptism, may we also hear you calling us your beloved, through Jesus Christ, your son, our brother. Amen.

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.

First Reading from the Word

Isaiah 42:1-9

*Responsorial Hymn

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!

Proclamation of God's Word

*Prayer of Illumination

Still-speaking God, as these words from Scripture are read, may it be to us as if the heavens are opening, and we see your Spirit descending on us like a dove, revealing your love for us as your daughters and sons. Amen.

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

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.

The Message Rev. David Hall

Responding to God's Word

Response in Praise and Offering

UMH #333 "I'm

"I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

(All loose change goes to Children's Lunchbox)
If you are visiting for the first time, your presence is gift enough. We would love to see you again next Sunday!

*Presentation of the Gifts "Glory Be to the Father" UMH #70 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion**

UMH #13

*Hymn of Reflection

UMH #189 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*Taking Christ's Light into the World

Extinguishing the altar candles

*Charge and Blessing

One: May the God who called Jesus "beloved" speak blessing to you, beloved sons and daughters, and empower you to bring that good news to others who still need to hear it.

Many: Amen

*Benediction (Beam Song)

*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".