

3rd Sunday of Easter

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Darrel Hinshaw

Ministers: the entire congregation

8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

April 6, 2008

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*

Words of Welcome

Kay Abrams

Centering

"He came singing love. He lived singing love. He died singing love. He rose in silence. If the song is to continue, we must do the singing!"

Prelude

8:15: Leha Uehling

11:00: Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

8:15: Cheryl Young

11:00: Lucy Zercher

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

We come today to celebrate and rejoice in the gifts of Native people and the contributions given to each other in the Body of Christ.

We come today to celebrate the gifts of all diversity in the Body of Christ.

We come today to worship the Giver of Breath, who breathes life into our lungs and spirits.

We represent many languages, many nations. May we walk in holiness and peace all of our days on this Earth.

O God, bless the prayers we say. May they be holy in your sight.

O God, bless the songs we sing. May their words be holy in your sight.

O God of all creation and God of all people, bless our service today.

May it be holy in your sight. We worship you today, Creator, as we ever search for peace, joy, happiness and, most of all, your presence in our lives. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #64

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Prayer

God of all creation and of all people, we come together today as one family to worship you, the One who sustains life in all things. In the life of Native people, the structure of the family is vital to the entire community. The family does not end with sons, daughters, mothers or fathers, but continues to include aunts, uncles, cousins and, yes, even friends and strangers. O God, you have blessed our people with this form of hospitality and love for thousands of years. May we together, Native and non-Native, show our world this love for one another that is unconditional, just as Christ's love for us is unconditional. May we embrace that which is different from us and love rather than fear those who do not mirror our own image, for this is our calling from God. We thank you today, God, for the survival of Native peoples of this continent and for the teachings they bring to your church. We ask that you bless us all as we search and strive to live life on the path of holiness. . .

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

***Hymn**

UMH #420

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Introduction to Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayers of the People:

God, to your love...

...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.

Offering our Gifts

(All loose change goes to support the UMYF Mexico Mission Trip.)

The Offertory

***Doxology**

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**

Anthem

"Take and Eat"

(11:00)

Especially for the Children

Afterward, children at the 11 am service, 4 yrs. – 2nd grade, are invited to Children's Church. The children will return to the sanctuary during the final hymn.

Finance Mission Moment

Reading from the Word

Listen for the Word of God.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Epistle: I Peter 1:17-23

*Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Witness

Rev. Darrel Hinshaw

"The Questions He Asks"

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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Communion Hymns

TFWS #2266, #2256, #2255,

#2257a, #2261, #2268, #2254

***Responsive Hymn**

UMH #114

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

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

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Going Forth**

God of peace and love, go with us now as we part company.

Let us always remember that we are part of a larger family and help us to remember to live accordingly with our sisters and brothers.

In all that we do, may we protect that which is precious in your sight.

Help us to see Christ in all those around us as we go into this world, until we see each other again. Amen.

***Closing Song** (words on the beams above the sanctuary)

***Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of God go with you.

And also with you.