

# 4<sup>th</sup> 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 13, 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

"An eye for an eye, and the whole world would be blind."

-- Kahlil Gibran

### Prelude

8:15: Leha Uehling

11:00: Terri Schimmack

### Prayer of Safety

8:15: Abbe Dunning-Newbury

11:00: Betty Burke

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

Our shepherd invites us to this time of worship; our God leads us by refreshing waters.

**As we share our lives with one another our souls are restored.**

Remember the One in whose name we worship, Jesus Christ, who died amidst the world's suffering.

**Christ came that all might have an abundant life; we acknowledge and rejoice in this gift.**

## **\*Opening Hymn**

TFWS #2008

“Let All Things Now Living”

### **Prayer of Confession**

**We confess, O God, our repeated tendency to insist on our own way. We want to make a name for ourselves no matter who is hurt by our pursuit of fame. We want you to cater to our needs and our schemes, and we're upset when you do not ease the way for us. Forgive our unwillingness to listen when your word comes to us through parents, children, friends, and humble messengers. Open our ears and help us to hear when you are speaking. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Words of Assurance**

#### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

**I believe it is a matter of faith to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. I believe it is a matter of faith to recognize equally and love all members of God's human family whatever their race, creed, color, gender, marital status, physical or mental capacity. I believe God's creation is good, beautiful, sacred and therefore to condemn a portion of God's creation is to condemn a portion of God. This is sin. I believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people from sin and to make disciples—people willing to live Christ's discipline of love and justice for all. I believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth and to live it, even to die for it, as Jesus died. I believe in the resurrection, the victory over death, the truth that is life for all in Jesus' name. Glory be to God, the One in Three: Creator, Savior and holy power of love. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

**\*Hymn**

UMH #369

"Blessed Assurance"

### **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

"The New 23<sup>rd</sup>"

(11:00)

#### **\*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**

"Sing Praise"

(11:00)

Children's Choir

### **Especially for the Children**

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

## **Reading from the Word**

Listen for the Word of God.

**Our hearts and minds are open.**

Psalm 23

Epistle: I Peter 2:19-25

\*Gospel: John 10:1-10

## **Thanksgiving for the Word**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Witness**

Rev. Darrel Hinshaw

“Set Free By the Gate”

## **\*Responsive Hymn**

UMH #138

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

## **\*Taking Christ’s Light Into the World**

Extinguishing the altar candles

## **\*Going Forth**

In growing obedience to the One whom faith reveals, take your part in the ministry of Christ Jesus.

**We join with the whole church in prayer, attention to the Word, and acts of charity.**

May the Spirit grant you life so abundant that you will experience new energy for every task.

**In covenant with the Creator of all worlds, we devote ourselves to the best interests of all people in this world, in Jesus’ name. 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.**