

7th 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

May 4, 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

"The only place where your dream becomes impossible is in your own thinking."

--Robert H. Schuller

Prelude

8:15: Leha Uehling

11:00: Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

8:15: Cheryl Young

11:00: Barry Schimmack

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**

Gather to experience the power of God to lift us up beyond the bonds of earth.

Clap your hands, all peoples! Sing to God with loud songs of joy!

Receive power to become God's witnesses to this place and to the ends of the earth.

Jesus Christ is alive and forgives our sin. Jesus Christ lives and appoints us to share good news.

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #154

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Prayer of Confession

We call on you, Creator of the universe, for we have doubted your personal interest in this planet. The news of an empty tomb evokes our doubts rather than our faith. We are not ready for the miracle of new life, in ourselves or in others. We are afraid of the forces of evil that lead to destruction, and we recognize some of them in ourselves. O God, turn us around, that we may be partners in your good news. Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalms 47

UMH page 781

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

***Hymn**

UMH #534

"Be Still, My Soul"

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 "Come to the Table of the Lord" (11:00)

Baptism UMH page 39 (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 for Communion.

Reading from the Word

Listen for the Word of God.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Acts 1:1-11

*Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Witness

Rev. Darrel Hinshaw

"An Inside Story"

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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Communion Hymns

TFWS #2268, #2254, #2266,

#2257a, #2261, #2256, #2255

***Responsive Hymn**

TFWS #2282

"I'll Fly Away"

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

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Going Forth**

Christ Jesus, who burst the bonds of earth, commissions us to share with all the power of God.

The Holy Spirit has made us bold to speak and eager to share the good news.

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.

We have known the blessings of God and are eager to pass them on to others. 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.