

4th Sunday after Pentecost
The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Darrel Hinshaw
Ministers: the entire congregation
6:30 p.m. Worship Service
June 8, 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

"You will suddenly realize that the reason you never changed
before was because you didn't want to."

--Robert H. Schuller

Prelude

Leha Uehling

Prayer of Safety

Abbe Dunning-Newbury

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**

Something awakened us this morning—perhaps day's dawning, the smell of brewing coffee, the sounds of the alarm on the shelf or a newspaper thudding at the door.

And now we gather with awakened spirits to worship with others the Creator of this day.

Something moved us this morning—we left behind a sufficiency of sleep or a restless night, we engaged in feeding and dressing, we left our homes for here.

And now we gather in this place to worship the Christ who moves among us and to follow the Spirit which leads us into deeds of love.

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #96

"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you call us to follow you but we have so many excuses: we are too busy, our family needs us, we don't know the way, we're sure that we know what's best, we're afraid to leave what's familiar. Yet we need you: we need you to show us the way, we need you to heal our brokenness, we need you to give us courage. You have promised to bless us if we follow you. You have promised to be with us on our journey. You have promised to heal us. You have promised to bring life out of death. When we are filled with doubts, shine your light upon us. When we are in despair, show us how to hope against hope. When we treat others with disrespect, teach us your mercy. Forgive us, heal us, and transform us, that we may be your obedient people. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

***Hymn**

UMH #710

"Faith of Our Fathers"

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**

Reception of New Member

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Especially for the Children

Afterward, children are invited to Children's Church. The children will return to the sanctuary during the final hymn.

Disciple Recognition

Reading from the Word

Listen for the Word of God.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Old Testament: Genesis 12: 1-9

Romans 4: 13-19

*Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Witness

Rev. Darrel Hinshaw

“Breaking Down the Walls”

***Responsive Hymn**

UMH #261

“Lord of the Dance”

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

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Going Forth**

Press on to know the Eternal One who desires our steadfast love.

Day by day we will live by faith and trust the promises of God.

The grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you today and forever.

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.