

6th Sunday after Pentecost

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Conference Superintendent: Rachel Lieder Simeon

Ministers: the entire congregation

6:30 p.m. Worship Service

June 22, 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

"Be the change you wish to see in the world."

--Gandhi

Prelude

Leha Uehling

Prayer of Safety

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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**

Come all you people, hear of the mighty power of God.

Here I am, Lord.

Come all you with might and strength, do the work of the Lord.

Here I am, Lord. Send me.

Come all you and worship God, giving praise to His holy name.

Here I am, Lord. Send me, and I will sing of your mighty acts.

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #593

"Here I am, Lord"

Prayer of Confession

Most gracious Father, we see your people all around us. We see their need and their suffering, but we are afraid. They are like us, but they are so very different. Their skin is a different color. They speak a language we don't quite understand. Their poverty scares us. We are afraid. Forgive us we pray. Give us strength, Father. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and give us courage to go where you lead us. Be with us as we go and work for your children, our brothers and sisters in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Michael Strassfeld

***Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

Responsive Reading

UMH #886

World Methodist Social Affirmation

***Hymn**

UMH #344

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

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 Love INC.)

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**

Especially for the Children

Afterward, children 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.

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-13

*Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Witness

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"Five Days with the Sheep"
(Matthew 25: 31-45)

***Responsive Hymn**

TFWS #2130

"The Summons"

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

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Going Forth**

Go now, full of the love of Christ Jesus, guided by the Holy Spirit, unafraid to walk along with others, to combine our salt with theirs, to enter the journey of life.

Here I am, Lord. Send me.

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

***Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of God go with you.

And also with you.