

7th 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 29, 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

"I believe in the sun even when it does not shine, I believe in love, even when I cannot feel it. I believe in God, even when I do not see him."

--Inscribed on the walls of a building in the Warsaw ghetto

Prelude

Leha Uehling

Prayer of Safety

Jackie Holmquist

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

Holy Spirit, rain down on this place

Let our souls drink your goodness

Let our hearts overflow

Holy Spirit, rain down on this place!

*Opening Hymn

UMH #149

"Cantemos al Señor"

Prayer of Confession

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity, for there is weakness in us, as well as strength. At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured. We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help. O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Gloria Patri

UMH #70

Affirmation of Faith

Mission Statement of UMCC

Right side: We of the United Methodist Church of Chugiak believe in God the creator, and seek to be a tangible expression of God's love.

Left side: **We believe that Jesus Christ offers us a redeeming power for our lives.**

Right Side: As the gathered Body of Christ, we utilize scripture, reason, tradition and experience in order to live our faith.

Left Side: **We seek to provide a community which gathers in worship, for study, fellowship and support, and reaches beyond human-made boundaries to be in ministry and mission.**

Right Side: We are a diverse community of faith, a family, who affirms that God's love is experienced and expressed in a variety of ways.

Left Side: **We strive to accept all people and to offer an environment which encourages spiritual growth in diverse ways. We are people of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.**

***Hymn**

UMH #356

"Pues Si Vivimos"

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

There is no Children's Church today.

Installation of Our New Pastor

Leader to the congregation:

Dear friends, today we welcome Carlo Rapanut, who has been appointed to serve as our pastor. We believe that he is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by our bishop, Edward Paup.

Leader to new pastor:

Carlo, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; a minister of the Sacraments; and a sustainer of the love, order, and discipleship of the people of God.

New Pastor:

Today I reaffirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

Leader to congregation:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service, will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Carlo Rapanut in these ministries?

Congregation:

We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, and service.

Leader:

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger

Congregation:

**who announces peace, who brings good news,
who announces salvation.**

Leader:

Let us pray. Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together, with Carlo Rapanut as our pastor. Give him and us patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another and challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus Christ, living together in love, and offering our gifts and talents in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation:

Amen.

Installation of Our New Pastor

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Anthem

"Welcome"

Reading from the Word

Listen for the Word of God.

Our hearts and minds are open.

*Gospel: Luke 11:2-4

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Witness

Rachel Lieder Simeon

"Chased By Goodness"

***Responsive Hymn**

TFWS #2212

"My Life Flows On"

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

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Benediction**

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

***Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of God go with you.

And also with you.