

8th Sunday of Pentecost

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Carlo A. Rapanut

Ministers: the entire congregation

6:30 p.m. Worship Service

July 6, 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 religious community is essential, for alone our vision is too narrow to see all that must be seen. Together, our vision widens and strength is renewed.

--Mark Morrison-Reed

Prelude

Leha Uehling

Prayer of Safety

Ellen Franklin

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**

Has it been a rough week for you?

In some way, it has.

Do you feel burdened and exhausted?

Yes. This is supposed to be a season of relaxation, but our spirits feel dragged down with cares and concerns.

Bring your cares to the Lord, for God will surely offer healing balm for you.

Thanks be to God who listens to our cries and heals our spirits. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

TFWS #2271

"Come! Come! Everybody Worship"

Prayer of Confession

Wise and loving God, you know how we are. We have spent so much time getting ready for the summer months, planning when and how we shall relax and gain some peace in our lives. We have rushed around, and now we are exhausted. Our need for rest is so important, but we have let plans and schedules crowd in, shouting their demands on our time and energies. Forgive us, Lord, when we have focused so much time on these things and have not sought your healing, restoring love. Be with us as we enter into this summer period. Give us peace. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

***Hymn**

UMH #494

"Kum Ba Yah" (stanzas 1-4)

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

***Hymn**

UMH #494

"Kum Ba Yah" (stanzas 5-6)

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, 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.

Old Testament: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

*Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Witness

“The Yoke of Rest”

Rev. Carlo A. Rapanut

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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Communion Hymns

UMH #618, 620, 635, 640, 641

TFWS #2258

***Responsive Hymn**

UMH #128

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

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

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Dismissal with Blessing**

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

***Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of God go with you.

And also with you.