

SERVICE NOTES

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal, TFWS: The Faith We Sing, Girdwood Chapel's CCLI Basic #: 11038417, CCLI Streaming License #: CSPL155734, CEB: Common English Bible.

This week's worship helpers—Greeter: Wendy, Tech Helper: Kevin M., Liturgist: Seth, Preacher: Pastor Hyunghee Kim

Next Week's Worship Helpers Sign-up

- Greeter: Debra
- Tech Helper: Jeremy
- Liturgist: Madelyn C.

Announcements:

- **Walk, Talk, Pray:** every Thursday, 10am at our parking lot
- **Food Pantry:** First Sundays 2-4p.m., 2nd&4th Wednesday 4-6p.m.
- **Pray for the Lost Creek Mission Team from Oklahoma**, who is preparing to serve our community **from July 19th(Sat.) to 28th(Mon.)**.
- **Leadership Board Meeting: July 15th (Tue.) at "6pm" via Zoom**
- **Forest Fair Parking Fundraiser:** Thank you to all who volunteered and supported this year's Forest Fair Parking Fundraiser! With your help, **we raised \$9,661.42** to support the care and sustainability of our church building. We are deeply grateful!
- **Sparkling Sanctuary/Green Room Windows:** Our Sanctuary and Green Room windows were professionally cleaned (inside & out) by Quick Draw Window Cleaning on July 7–8. **The total cost was \$726.**
- "Reading the Book of Esther with Pastor"

Session 1



Session 2



*Our Church Mission:
Love God,
Love Others, and
Change the World!*

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

** Indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit.*

Welcome & Announcements (*back of bulletin*)

*Call to worship

One: Come, people of God,

To the place where power is not performed but revealed—
Where truth is not twisted but spoken boldly.

Many: We come to listen, to see clearly,

To worship the Living God who opens eyes and hearts.

One: Here, we do not cozy up to control.

We lean into the Spirit who calls us to truth and courage.

**Many: Let our voices be clear, Let our hearts be open,
Let our worship be real.**

*Opening hymn "Open the Eyes of My Heart" by Paul Baloche
lyrics on the screen

Opening prayer

All: God of truth and clarity,

You meet us not in performance, but in presence.

You speak not through noise, but through Spirit.

**As we gather in this place—surrounded by many voices—
Help us to hear yours above all.**

Open our eyes to see the power that distorts.

Open our mouths to speak what is right.

**And open our lives to the gospel that sets us free. We pray
in the name of Jesus, our Liberator and Truth. Amen.**

Scripture reading Acts 13:4-12 (CEB)

4 After the Holy Spirit sent them on their way, they went down to Seleucia. From there they sailed to Cyprus. 5 In Salamis they proclaimed God's word in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their assistant. 6 They traveled throughout the island until they arrived at Paphos. There they found a certain man named **Bar-Jesus**, a Jew who was a false prophet and practiced sorcery. 7 He kept company with the governor of that province, an intelligent man named **Sergius Paulus**. The governor sent for Barnabas and Saul since he wanted to hear God's word.

8 But **Elymas the sorcerer** (for that's what people understood his name meant) opposed them, trying to steer the governor away from the faith. 9 Empowered by the Holy Spirit, **Saul, also known as Paul**, glared at Bar-Jesus and

10 said, "You are a deceiver and trickster! You devil! You attack anything that is right! Will you never stop twisting the straight ways of the Lord into crooked paths? 11 Listen! The Lord's power is set against you. You will be blind for a while, unable even to see the daylight." At once, Bar-Jesus' eyes were darkened, and he began to grope about for someone to lead him around by the hand. 12 When the governor saw what had taken place, he came to believe, for he was astonished by the teaching about the Lord.

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Seeing Through the Fog: Truth, Power, and the Gospel"

*Hymn after the message "Speak, O Lord" by Stuart Townend
lyrics on the screen

Invitation to generosity: Offering baskets are available on the side/back of the sanctuary. Or Mail your check: PO Box 1068, Girdwood, AK 99587, or give online; *scan QR code*→



Offering prayer: Please join me in offering prayer

All: Gracious God,

What we give today is not for prestige or performance—

It is a response to your truth and love.

Use these gifts to proclaim good news,

To confront injustice,

And to astonish the world with your grace.

We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Joys and concerns & The Lord's prayer

One: God in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Holy communion: *All are welcome at this open table.*

Invitation to the Table; The Great Thanksgiving; Epiclesis; Breaking the Bread; Sharing the Bread and the Cup

*Closing hymn

"You Said" by Hillsong Worship

lyrics on the screen

*Benediction

*Sending forth song "On Eagles Wings" (CCLI Song #3127)

It is the tradition of the Girdwood Chapel UMC to form a circle, hold hands, and sing 'On Eagles Wings.'

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