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## 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: Lisa, Tech Helper: Lynné, Liturgist: Mike, Preacher: Pastor Hyunghee Kim

Next Week's Worship Helpers Sign-up

- Greeter: Ann
- Tech Helper: Kevin
- Liturgist: Betsy

## Announcements:

- **Walk, Talk, Pray:** every Thursday, 10am at our parking lot
- **Food Pantry:** First Sundays 2-4p.m., 2nd&4th Wednesday 4-6p.m.
- Today's food pantry at 2-4pm.
- **Thank You, Lost Creek Mission Team:** We are grateful to the Lost Creek Mission Team for their generous \$2,000 gift to our church. Their support and partnership in ministry mean so much!



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

## *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 3, 2025, 10:30 a.m.*

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

Welcome & Announcements (*back of bulletin*)

\*Call to worship

One: In a world where division runs deep and fear is often louder than faith—

**Many: We gather to hear a better story.**

One: A story of bold love, unsettling grace, and truth that dares to speak.

**Many: We come to listen, to learn, and to follow the way of Christ.**

One: So come, not with easy answers, but with open hearts.

**Many: We are here to worship the One who speaks peace into every fracture.**

\*Opening hymn

"This Is My Song"  
*lyrics on the screen*

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Opening prayer

**All: God of truth and mercy,**

**You do not shy away from our divisions.**

**You step into the broken places—**

**not to take sides, but to bring healing.**

**So meet us here.**

**Disrupt what needs to be disrupted.**

**Comfort what needs to be held.** (*continued on next page*)

**Give us the courage to listen,  
the boldness to speak with love,  
and the grace to walk in your Spirit,  
even when the path feels uncertain.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Scripture reading Acts 14:1-7 (CEB)

1 The same thing happened in Iconium. Paul and Barnabas entered the Jewish synagogue and spoke as they had before.

As a result, a huge number of Jews and Greeks believed.

2 However, the Jews who rejected the faith stirred up the Gentiles, poisoning their minds against the brothers.

3 Nevertheless, Paul and Barnabas stayed there for quite some time, confidently speaking about the Lord. And the Lord confirmed the word about his grace by the signs and wonders he enabled them to perform.

4 The people of the city were divided—some siding with the Jews, others with the Lord's messengers.

5 Then some Gentiles and Jews, including their leaders, hatched a plot to mistreat and stone Paul and Barnabas.

6 When they learned of it, these two messengers fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and the surrounding area,

7 where they continued to proclaim the good news.

One: This is the Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Message "Preaching in Divided Cities: Telling a Truer Story"

\*Hymn after the message "Together We Serve" TFWS #2175  
*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: Generous God,  
in a world that teaches us to hold back and divide,  
you teach us to give freely and belong to one another.  
May these gifts reflect not just our resources,  
but our trust in your kingdom—  
a kingdom that moves through fractured places,  
bringing life, justice, and hope.  
Use what we give today to tell your better story.  
In Christ's name, we pray. 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 "We Are Called" TFWS #2172  
*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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