
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: Loretta, Tech Helper: Lynné, Liturgist: Mary Ellen, Preacher: Pastor Hyunghee Kim

Next Week's Worship Helpers Sign-up

- Greeter: Wendy
- Tech Helper: Lynné
- Liturgist: Seth

Announcements:

- **Walk, Talk, Pray:** every Thursday, 10am at our parking lot
- **Food Pantry:** First Sundays 2-4p.m., 2nd&4th Wednesday 4-6p.m.
- **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!
- **Leadership Meeting on the 19th** at 7pm via Zoom.



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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

Welcome & Announcements (*back of bulletin*)

*Call to worship

One: Come, all who are weary of being misnamed and misunderstood.

Come, all who long to be seen—not as gods, not as strangers, but as beloved.

Many: We come to worship the living God—

Not the myths of power, but the Spirit of mercy.

One: God is not made in our image. God cannot be boxed in.

Many: We come to encounter a gospel

**that breaks the mold—That heals, disrupts,
and invites us to live a new story.**

All: Let us worship in truth. Let us witness with love.

*Opening hymn “We Will Make No Peace with Oppression”
lyrics on the screen by The Porter's Gate

Opening prayer

All: Holy and living God,

**You are not what the empire expects,
not a god of performance or perfection,
but a Savior who walks with us, heals us, and names us
fully. In a world that misrecognizes power,
teach us to see through the lens of grace.**

In a culture that boxes people in, *(continued on next page)*

**break our categories wide open.
Make room in us today—for the gospel,
not just as an idea, but as a presence.
Make us open, curious, and brave
to follow You where the story does not yet fit. Amen.**

Scripture reading Acts 14:8-20 (CEB)

8 In Lystra there was a certain man who lacked strength in his legs. He had been crippled since birth and had never walked. Sitting there, he 9 heard Paul speaking. Paul stared at him and saw that he believed he could be healed. 10 Raising his voice, Paul said, “Stand up straight on your feet!” He jumped up and began to walk. 11 Seeing what Paul had done, the crowd shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have taken human form and come down to visit us!” 12 They referred to Barnabas as Zeus and to Paul as Hermes, since Paul was the main speaker. 13 The priest of Zeus, whose temple was located just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates. Along with the crowds, he wanted to offer sacrifices to them. 14 When the Lord’s messengers Barnabas and Paul found out about this, they tore their clothes in protest and rushed out into the crowd. They shouted, 15 “People, what are you doing? We are humans too, just like you! We are proclaiming the good news to you: turn to the living God and away from such worthless things. He made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. 16 In the past, he permitted every nation to go its own way. 17 Nevertheless, he has not left himself without a witness. He has blessed you by giving you rain from above as well as seasonal harvests, and satisfying you with food and happiness.” 18 Even with these words, they barely kept the crowds from sacrificing to them. 19 Jews from Antioch and Iconium arrived and won the crowds over. They stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing he was dead. 20 When the disciples surrounded him, he got up and entered the city again. The following day he left with Barnabas for Derbe.

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message “Gods or Strangers?”

*Hymn after the message “Jesus Calls Us” UMH #398
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: God of abundance and mercy,
you do not demand sacrifice to earn your love.
You give freely, you heal freely,
and you call us to respond with open hands.
So we offer what we have—not to prove our worth,
but to participate in your work.
Take our gifts and use them
to build communities of justice, grace, and welcome.
In your holy 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 “I’m Gonna Pray So God Can Use Me”
lyrics on the screen TFWS #2153

*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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