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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: Wendy, Tech Helper: Lynné, Liturgist: Seth, Preacher: Pastor Hyunghee Kim

Next Week's Worship Helpers Sign-up

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

## Announcements:

- **Walk, Talk, Pray:** every Thursday, 10am at our parking lot
- **Food Pantry:** First Sundays 2-4p.m., 2nd&4th Wednesday 4-6p.m.
- **Daily Bible Reading** sheets are available on the right-side table at the church entrance.
- **Leadership Meeting on the 19th** at 7pm via Zoom.
- **Facility Use (August 20–21):** The church building will be in use by the Fuller Center for Housing during this time.



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

## **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*August 17, 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 from the journey,  
Wounded by the world,  
And carrying pain—seen or unseen.

**Many: We come not as heroes, but as those held by grace.**

One: Come, not to escape the struggle,  
But to be strengthened in the midst of it.

**Many: Let us worship the God who meets us in our wounds,  
Who stays with us in hardship,  
And who opens doors we cannot see.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*Opening hymn      “Your Grace is Enough”      by Matt Maher  
*lyrics on the screen*

Opening prayer

**All: Gracious and present God,  
You do not ask us to be perfect before we come to you.  
You ask us to be real.**

**We come today carrying our scars,  
Some visible, some hidden deep.  
We thank You for the witness of Paul and Barnabas—  
Not returning as conquerors,  
But as wounded companions,**      (*continued on next page*)

**Strengthening others in faith.  
Meet us here, in our own journeys,  
And shape us into a community  
Of honesty, humility, and hope.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Scripture reading Acts 14:21-28 (CEB)

21 Paul and Barnabas proclaimed the good news to the people in Derbe and made many disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, where 22 they strengthened the disciples and urged them to remain firm in the faith. They told them, "If we are to enter God's kingdom, we must pass through many troubles." 23 They appointed elders for each church.

With prayer and fasting, they committed these elders to the Lord, in whom they had placed their trust. 24 After Paul and Barnabas traveled through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 They proclaimed the word in Perga, then went down to Attalia. 26 From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been entrusted by God's grace to the work they had now completed. 27 On their arrival, they gathered the church together and reported everything that God had accomplished through their activity, and how God had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles. 28 They stayed with the disciples a long time.

One: This is the Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Message "Strength in the Wounds"

\*Hymn after the message "Be Still, My Soul" UMH #534  
*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 every open door,  
You call us to give—not out of abundance alone,**

**But even from our places of pain.  
Like Paul and Barnabas,  
We offer what we have: our stories, our strength, our scars.  
Bless these gifts, O Lord,  
That they may build up your people,  
Strengthen the weary,  
And carry hope to places still hurting.  
In the name of the Wounded Healer, 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 "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" UMH #557  
*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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