
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: Alice, Tech Helper: Lynné, Liturgist: Barbara, Preacher: Pastor Hyunghee Kim

Next Week's Worship Helpers Sign-up

- Greeter: Wendy
- Tech Helper: Brunch Church
- Liturgist: Brunch Church

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.
- Our **Fall Sermon Series (Sep. 21–Nov. 16)** will follow a book, *The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows*. If you'd like to purchase a copy, please contact Wendy.
- **Brunch Church — Sunday, Sept. 7**
Join us for Brunch Church next Sunday! Please bring a dish to share. We'll enjoy fellowship and sharing together.
Our guiding questions for September 7th will be:
 - Who are we as a faith community in Girdwood?
 - Why do you think God has placed us here at this time?
 - What values do you believe define us as a church?
- **Strategic Church Planning Sessions: On September 14 and 21 after worship from 11:35 am to 1pm**, we'll gather with Superintendent Kristi (via Zoom) to talk about who we are, how we see our church, and how God may be leading us forward.



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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

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

Welcome & Announcements (*back of bulletin*)

*Call to worship

One: In moments of unity and moments of rupture,

Many: God's Spirit is still moving.

One: When paths divide and plans change,

Many: God's grace makes a new way.

One: Come, not because everything is whole—

Many: But because God meets us in the fragments.

One: Come, just as you are.

**All: We gather as one body, held together by mercy,
Sent by love, strengthened by grace.**

*Opening hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH #577
lyrics on the screen

Opening prayer

All: God of new beginnings,

You are present in every turning,

in every goodbye, in every fresh start.

**As we gather today, some of us carry wounds,
some carry questions,**

and some carry hopes waiting to be born.

Speak to us through Your Word.

Remind us that even in disagreement,

Your mission does not stop.

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**Show us how to follow You—
even when the path looks different than we expected.
Let this be a space where healing begins,
and where Your Spirit calls us forward, together.
In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

Scripture reading Acts 15:36–41 (CEB)

36 Some time later, Paul said to Barnabas,
“Let’s go back and visit all the brothers and sisters in every city
where we preached the Lord’s word. Let’s see how they are
doing.” 37 Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with them.
38 Paul insisted that they shouldn’t take him along,
since he had deserted them in Pamphylia
and hadn’t continued with them in their work.
39 Their argument became so intense that they went their
separate ways. Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus.
40 Paul chose Silas and left,
entrusted by the brothers and sisters to the Lord’s grace.
41 He traveled through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the
churches.

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message “Parting Doesn’t End the Mission:
Grace in the Break, Gospel in the Going”

*Hymn after the message “For Everyone Born” TFWS #2226
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, You give us more than we deserve
and call us to more than we can imagine.**

**Bless these gifts—not just the money we give,
but the hopes we carry, the questions we hold,**

**and the love we long to share.
Use them to build bridges, not walls.
To grow grace, not gatekeeping.
To send Your gospel further—
through every path Your Spirit opens.
In Jesus’ 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 “Go Make a Difference”
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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