

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: Terry, Preacher: Rev. Kelly Marciales

Next Week's Worship Helpers Sign-up

- Greeter: Terry
- Tech Helper: Lynné
- Liturgist: Barbara

Announcements:

- **Food Pantry:** First Sundays 2-4p.m., 2nd&4th Wednesday 4-6p.m.
- **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.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Green Room.
- **Church Visioning Day:** Oct.18th Saturday at 10 am in the Chapel.
- **Girdwood Charge Conference 2025:** Oct 28th(Tue.) at 6:00pm via Zoom.
- **Fall Festival & Oktoberfest Parking Fundraiser on September 20:** We raised a total of \$570.79 (\$498 in cash and \$72.79 through Venmo). Special thanks to our amazing volunteers—Betsy, Jody, Barbara, Vicky & Paul Rasmussen, Terry, and Pastor Hyunghee—for their time and dedication.
- **Next Fundraiser on October 4th (Sat.):** We will host another event parking fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 4. If you're interested in helping or volunteering, please contact Betsy—your support makes a difference!
- **PFD Drive for New Front Doors:** Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our PFD Drive in support of the Front Door Project! So far, we've raised \$1,250 toward our goal.

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*Closing hymn “Come and See” TFWS 2218
 lyrics on the screen

*Benediction Rev. Kelly Marciales

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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

* Indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit.

Welcome & Announcements *(back of bulletin)*

*Call to worship

One: Come, children of God — bring your fears, your doubts,
your hopes, your longing.

Many: We come to meet the One who is not against us, but for us.

One: Come, followers of Jesus — lay aside the false story of a harsh and distant God.

Many: We come to embrace the true story: that God is wholly good.

One: Come, people of the Spirit — ready to grow in love, joy, and peace.

All: We come to walk in step with the Spirit of a good God!

*Opening hymn “Here I Am to Worship” by Maranatha! Music
lyrics on the screen

Opening prayer

**All: Good and beautiful God,
we come to You carrying many images of who You are.**

**Some of us have been taught to see You as harsh,
quick to punish and slow to forgive.**

Those stories have left us fearful, guilty,
and unsure if we could ever be enough. *(continued on next page)*

**But in Jesus Christ, You reveal the true story:
that You are wholly good,
that You are for us and not against us,
that Your Spirit sets us free and bears fruit in us.
So as we begin this time of worship,
root us in Your goodness.
Replace our fear with love, our guilt with joy,
our striving with peace.
Grow in us the fruit of the Spirit
so that our worship today may honor You
and our lives may bear witness to Your liberating love.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Scripture reading Psalm 34:8-10 & Galatians 5:16-25 (CEB)

8 Taste and see how good the Lord is!

The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy.

9 You who are the Lord's holy ones, honor him,
because those who honor him don't lack a thing.

10 Even strong young lions go without and get hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

16 I say be guided by the Spirit and you won't carry out your selfish desires. 17 A person's selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one's selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn't do whatever you want to do. 18 But if you are being led by the Spirit, you aren't under the Law. 19 The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality, moral corruption, doing whatever feels good, 20 idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry, 21 jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won't inherit God's kingdom. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23

gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit. 26 Let's not become arrogant, make each other angry, or be jealous of each other.

One: This is the Word of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sharing takeaways from the book

Lay Person

Message "Living by the Spirit of a Good God"

Rev. Kelly Marciales

*Hymn after the message "Spirit of the Living God" UMH #393
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: Good and generous God,

**You have poured out Your goodness in creation,
in Christ's redeeming love, and in the daily gifts that sustain us. Receive now these offerings — our gifts, our lives, our love. Use them to bear fruit in the world: love where there is hatred, peace where there is conflict, generosity where there is need. All this we pray in the name of Jesus, the true vine in whom we abide. Amen.**

Joys and concerns & The Lord's prayer

Joys: "Thanks be to God" | Response: "Halleluia"

Concerns: "God in Your mercy" | Response: "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; Prayer after Communion

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