

## 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: Vicky, Tech Helper: Gus, Liturgist: Mary Ellen, Preacher: Pastor Hyunghee Kim

Next Week's Worship Helpers Sign-up

- Greeter: Jody
- Tech Helper: Gus
- Liturgist: Terry

## Announcements:

- **Food Pantry:** First Sun. 2-4p.m., 2nd&4th Wednesdays 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 Terry.
- **Women's Bible Study:** No meeting on Oct. 13. It'll resume on Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Green Room to discuss Chapter 6: "God Is Holy."
- **PFD Drive for New Front Doors:** Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our PFD Drive in support of the Front Door Project!
- **Church Visioning Day:** Oct. 18th Saturday at 10 am in the Chapel.
- **In Our Backyard(IOBY):** Join us on Sunday, Oct. 19 as Betty Hertz from In Our Backyard (IOBY) shares a message and updates about their ministry providing safe, interim housing for unhoused seniors.
- **Girdwood Church Conference 2025:** Oct 28th(Tue.) at 6:00pm via Zoom.

**Church  
Visioning Day**  
October 18th  
(Sat. 10 am – 4 pm)



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

## ***Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

*October 12, 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, all who are waiting, all who feel late to the vineyard.

**Many: God welcomes us with open arms.**

One: Come, those who have labored long, and those who have just arrived.

**Many: In God's kingdom, grace is not earned—it's given.**

One: Come and see the generosity of our God.

**All: We come to worship the One who is more than fair—who is faithful, gracious, and abundantly generous.**

\*Opening hymn

"God You're So Good"  
*lyrics on the screen*

by Passion

Opening prayer

**All: Generous God, You give freely,  
not because we have earned it, but because You are good.  
You welcome those who have been working all day and  
those who have just arrived.**

**Open our hearts to receive Your grace with gratitude.  
Teach us to trust Your abundance, to rejoice in Your mercy,  
and to live as reflections of Your generosity in this world.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Scripture reading Matthew 20:1–16 (CEB)

1 “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.

2 After he agreed with the workers to pay them a denarion, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 “Then he went out around nine in the morning and saw others standing around the marketplace doing nothing.

4 He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I’ll pay you whatever is right.’ 5 And they went.

“Again around noon and then at three in the afternoon, he did the same thing. 6 Around five in the afternoon he went and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you just standing around here doing nothing all day long?’

7 “‘Because nobody has hired us,’ they replied.

“He responded, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

8 “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the workers and give them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and moving on finally to the first.’

9 When those who were hired at five in the afternoon came, each one received a denarion. 10 Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But each of them also received a denarion. 11 When they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 ‘These who were hired last worked one hour, and they received the same pay as we did even though we had to work the whole day in the hot sun.’

13 “But he replied to one of them,

‘Friend, I did you no wrong. Didn’t I agree to pay you a denarion?’

14 Take what belongs to you and go. I want to give to this one who was hired last the same as I give to you. 15

Don’t I have the right to do what I want with what belongs to me?

Or are you resentful because I’m generous?’ 16 So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last.”

One: This is the Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sharing takeaways from the book

Lay Person

Message

“The Generous God”

\*Hymn after the message “Grace Greater than Our Sin”

*lyrics on the screen*

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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: Giver of every good gift,**

**You have blessed us far beyond what we deserve.**

**Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and trust.**

**Use them—and us—to share Your generosity with the world:**

**to feed the hungry, to welcome the stranger, and to lift the**

**weary. May our giving reflect Your own open hand.**

**In Christ’s name we pray. 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; Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Bread and the Cup; Prayer after Communion*

\*Closing hymn

“Because He Lives”

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*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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## Message Guide: “The Generous God”

### 1. When Life Doesn’t Feel Fair

Sometimes life doesn’t feel \_\_\_\_\_.  
We live in a world built on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
But Jesus tells a story that turns our sense of \_\_\_\_\_  
upside down.  
It’s not about getting what we deserve  
— it’s about God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. The Story We Often Believe

Many of us carry a false narrative: that God is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.  
When we believe this, it leads to:  
• \_\_\_\_\_ • \_\_\_\_\_ • \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. The Story Jesus Tells

“The kingdom of heaven is like a \_\_\_\_\_.”  
The Greek word *basileia* means God’s \_\_\_\_\_, not a place or throne.  
Some use the word “*kin-dom*” — a reminder that God’s reign is about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
At the end of the day, every worker receives the same \_\_\_\_\_.  
The landowner says:  
“Are you envious because I am \_\_\_\_\_?”  
This story isn’t about wages. It’s about \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4. A Radical Kind of Grace

Jesus told this story in a world ruled by \_\_\_\_\_.  
God’s generosity overturns systems of power and \_\_\_\_\_.  
God’s justice doesn’t exploit; it \_\_\_\_\_.  
God’s generosity doesn’t protect privilege; it \_\_\_\_\_.  
In God’s reign, grace is not earned — it’s \_\_\_\_\_.  
God gives not in teaspoons, but in \_\_\_\_\_.

### 5. Living Generously

1. Guard against \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Beware of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Receive with \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Trust in God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

### 6. The Invitation

God is not stingy — God is \_\_\_\_\_ beyond what we expect or deserve.  
Lay down \_\_\_\_\_.  
Let go of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Open your hands to receive God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

“Are you envious because I am generous?” —  
*Matthew 20:15 (NIV)*