



Second Sunday in Lent | March 1, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

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

Welcome & Announcements (*back of bulletin*)

*Call to worship

One: Tell me something good!

All: God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

*Opening hymn

"Take my life, that I may be"

UMH #399

lyrics on the screen

Prayer for illumination

One: Good news God, speak louder than the news updates.

Speak louder than our mental distractions.

Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear. God, speak loudly to us today, because we long to hear your good news once more. With hope we pray, amen.

Scripture reading Luke 7:36-50; Matthew 25:35-40 (CEB)

36 One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to eat with him. After he entered the Pharisee's home, he took his place at the table. 37 Meanwhile, a woman from the city, a sinner, discovered that Jesus was dining in the Pharisee's house. She brought perfumed oil in a vase made of alabaster. 38 Standing behind him at his feet and crying, she began to wet his feet with her tears. She wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and poured the oil on them. 39 When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw what was happening, he said to himself, If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. He would know that she is a sinner.

40 Jesus replied, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher, speak," he said.

41 "A certain lender had two debtors. One owed enough money to pay five hundred people for a day's work. The other owed enough money for fifty. 42 When they couldn't pay, the lender forgave the debts of them both. Which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the largest debt canceled." Jesus said, "You have judged correctly." 44 Jesus turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your home, you didn't give me water for my feet, but she wet my feet with tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You didn't greet me with a kiss, but she hasn't stopped kissing my feet since I came in. 46 You didn't anoint my head with oil, but she has poured perfumed oil on my feet. 47 This is why I tell you that her many sins have been forgiven; so she has shown great love. The one who is forgiven little loves little."

48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 The other table guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this person that even forgives sins?"

50 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

35 I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. 36 I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.'

37 “Then those who are righteous will reply to him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? 38 When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ 40 “Then the king will reply to them, ‘I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.’

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

Message “The Good News Is... Great Love for God and Neighbor.”

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

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*→



Offertory prayer: Please join me in offertory prayer

All: Holy One, You have loved us with great love. Receive these gifts — and receive us. Use what we offer today to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and reflect your mercy in our community. Let our giving be an act of love for you and love for our neighbor. In Christ’s holy name, Amen.

Prayers and Celebration & The Lord’s prayer

Concerns: “God in Your mercy” | **Response: “Hear our prayer”**

Joys: “Thanks be to God” | **Response: “Thanks be to God”**

*Closing hymn “Forgive our sins as we forgive” UMH #390 *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.’

Our Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. during Ski Season (Jan–Apr 2026)

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*.

The worship helpers—Greeter: Vicky, Tech Helper: Gus, Liturgist: Mary Ellen, Preacher: Pastor Hyunghee

Announcements:

- **Food Pantry:** First Sundays 2-4p.m., 2nd&4th Wednesday 4-6p.m.
- **Lenten Study:** Feb.23–Mar.16 (4weeks) | Mondays | 6:30 p.m. in the Green Room.
- **Worship Time Survey Team:** As part of listening for the heartbeat of Girdwood, we are using a seasonal worship time of 9:30 a.m. during ski season (Jan–Apr 2026). If you are interested in helping shape the survey as part of the Worship Time Survey Team, please contact Pastor Hyunghee.
- During Lent, the church traditionally sets aside "Hallelujah" as a spiritual practice of reflection and repentance, so that its return at Easter may be heard with renewed joy.
- **Men’s Group in March:** March 4 | Wednesday | 6:30 p.m. in the Green Room. Contact Seth for the details.
- **UMCOR Sunday 2026:** March 15 | Sunday
- **Equity Workshop with Rev.Lisa** | March 15 | After worship 2 hour session, lunch and 2 hour session
- **Nominations Meeting:** March 19 | Thursday | 1 p.m. via Zoom
- **Palm Sunday:** March 29 | Sunday
- **Celebration:** Certified Lay Servant, We joyfully share that Terry Sherwood has been approved as a Certified Lay Servant by the Alaska Conference Lay Servant Ministries Committee. Please join us in congratulating Terry and holding her in prayer as she continues this important ministry.