



Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 15, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

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

Welcome & Announcements (*back of bulletin*)

*Call to worship

One: God loves the field mouse.

All: God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.

God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

God loves the child who rocks and claps.

God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.

God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.

God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

There is no bit of creation that God does not love.

So let us worship this good-news God!

Amen.

*Opening hymn "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" UMH #581 *lyrics on the screen*

Prayer for illumination

One: Holy One, sometimes the simplest of your commands are the hardest for us to hear.

You say, "Love your enemy." "Turn the other cheek." "Care for the widow and the orphan."

And we want to know: How? When? Where?

Today as we turn to your word, open up space in us to simply hear your truth for what it is.

Open up space in our hearts to dream new dreams, to imagine new realities, to draw closer to you and closer to love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we listen, we pray. Amen.

Scripture readings Deuteronomy 24:17–22 and Matthew 19:13–15 (CEB)

17 Don't obstruct the legal rights of an immigrant or orphan. Don't take a widow's coat as pledge for a loan. 18 Remember how you were a slave in Egypt but how the Lord your God saved you from that. That's why I'm commanding you to do this thing.

19 Whenever you are reaping the harvest of your field and you leave some grain in the field, don't go back and get it. Let it go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows so that the Lord your God blesses you in all that you do. 20 Similarly, when you beat the olives off your olive trees, don't go back over them twice. Let the leftovers go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows. 21 Again, when you pick the grapes of your vineyard, don't pick them over twice. Let the leftovers go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows. 22 Remember how you were a slave in Egypt. That's why I am commanding you to do this thing.

13 Some people brought children to Jesus so that he would place his hands on them and pray. But the disciples scolded them. 14 "Allow the children to come to me," Jesus said. "Don't forbid them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people like these children." 15 Then he blessed the children and went away from there.

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

Message "The Good News Is... Protection and Care for the Vulnerable."

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: Gracious God, you have cared for us in seasons of need and welcomed us with mercy we did not earn. Receive these gifts and receive our lives. Use them to make room for those who feel pushed aside, to protect those who are vulnerable, and to help your church become a place of blessing, justice, and care. In the name of Jesus, who said, “Let them come,” 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 “Jesus Loves the Little Children” UMH #191 *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 wooden cross was crafted and decorated by Paul & Vicky Rasmussen. The call to worship & prayer for illumination come from Sanctified Art’s resources: © A Sanctified Art

The worship helpers—Greeter: Ann, Tech Helper: Kevin, Liturgist: Loretta, Preacher: Pastor Hyunghee

Announcements:

- **Food Pantry:** First Sundays 2-4p.m., 2nd&4th Wednesday 4-6p.m.
- **UMCOR Sunday 2026:** March 15 | Sunday
- **Equity Workshop with Rev.Lisa** | March 15 | After worship 2 hour session, lunch and 2 hour session
- **Lenten Study:** Feb.23–Mar.16 (4weeks) | Mondays | 6:30 p.m. in the Green Room.
- **Nominations Meeting:** March 19 | Thursday | 1 p.m. via Zoom
- **Church Action Plan Discussion:** March 22 | Sunday | After worship | The action plan copies available.
- **Worship Time Survey:** On Sunday, March 22, the in-person survey will be available at church. An online version of the survey will also be open from March 23–27. The online survey link will be sent to Chapel Chatter subscribers and posted on the Girdwood Chapel Facebook page.
- **Palm Sunday:** March 29 | Sunday | 9:30 a.m.
- **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.
- **Easter Sunday at Alyeska Resort | 10:00 A.M. in the Columbia Ballroom**
- **Slush Cup Parking Event: April 25, Saturday** | If you are interested in helping lead this parking fundraiser, please contact Loretta or Pastor Hyunghee. **Two leaders are needed.**
- **Forest Fair Parking Event: July 3–5** | We are also looking for **two leaders** to help coordinate parking during Forest Fair. Please contact Loretta or Pastor Hyunghee if you are interested.