
SERVICE NOTES

UMH: *United Methodist Hymnal*, TFWS: *The Faith We Sing*, Girdwood Chapel's
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Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

The Worship Helpers—Greeter: Lisa, Tech Helper: Lynné, Liturgist: Mike, Preacher:
Pastor Hyunghhee

Announcements:

- **Girdwood Food Pantry:** First Sundays 2-4p.m., 2nd&4th
Wednesday 4-6p.m.
- **2026 Summer Message Series “Mission and Evangelism in Our
Context”:** Throughout July and August, we explore what mission
and evangelism mean in the unique context of Girdwood. We reflect
on how God calls us to live, serve, and share the good news in our
community today.
- **Free Piano Concert on Sep. 11**, Friday, 6:00p.m. in the Chapel.
- **Finance Report on Sep. 13**, Sunday at 9:30a.m.
- **Nominations Committee Meeting on Sep.15** at 2:30p.m. via Zoom
- **Leadership Meeting on Sep.15** at 7:00p.m. via Zoom
- **Finance Team meeting on Sep.22** at 3:00p.m. in the Chapel
- **75th Church Anniversary Celebration on Sep.27** (Sun.) in the
Chapel
- **Volunteers Needed: Parking Event Volunteers**
We are looking for one or more volunteers to lead our parking
fundraiser for these upcoming community Saturday events:
1) Oktoberfest at Girdwood Brewing Company – **September 19**
2) Hope Social Club Concert at Brewery– **October 10 (6 p.m.)**
If you are willing to help coordinate either event, please contact
Pastor Hyunghhee or Loretta.
- Beginning this week, Pastor Hyunghhee's office hours are Tuesdays
and Thursdays, 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.



August 30, 2026 | Sunday Worship | 9:30 a.m.

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

Welcome & Announcements (*back of bulletin*)

*Call to Worship

One: God calls us by name and meets us on holy ground.

All: Here we are, O God.

One: Christ calls us to follow, not only with our words, but with our lives.

All: We offer ourselves to God.

One: Let love be genuine. Hold fast to what is good. Serve the Lord with
hope.

All: With all that we are and all that we have, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

“Indescribable”
lyrics on the screen

by Chris Tomlin

Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

**Holy God, you meet us in ordinary places
and call us into lives shaped by your mercy.**

Turn our attention toward your presence.

**Renew our minds, deepen our love,
and teach us to follow Christ faithfully.**

**Take the gifts, relationships, and lives we bring today,
and use them for your good purposes in the world.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading Romans 12:1–8 (NRSVue)

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters,
on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship.
2 Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of
the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good
and acceptable and perfect. 3 For by the grace given to me I say to
everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to
think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of
faith that God has assigned.

4 For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Message “Present Your Bodies.”

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 (*Unison*)

Please join me in offertory prayer: God of grace,
we bring these gifts as part of the lives you have given us.
Receive what we offer, and use it with all our gifts and daily work
to show your love to our neighbors and your world.
Amen.

Prayers and Celebration & The Lord's prayer

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

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

*Closing Hymn “Take My Life, and Let It Be” UMH #399

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. year-round

Sunday Column August 30 – Small, Specific, Yours

There is a particular kind of tiredness that settles over Girdwood at the end of August — not exhaustion exactly, more like a held breath finally letting go. The daylight is shrinking by minutes now, not seconds. The boats are still going out, but you can feel people doing the math on how many good days are left. Something in the valley is turning toward fall, even while the trail is still green and the tram is still full.

I have been thinking this week about how much of church life runs on the same quiet arithmetic. How many good years are left in this building. How many hands are left to do the work. It is an honest question, and I do not think it is wrong to ask it. But I want to offer a different kind of math today, because I think it is the truer one.

You already have what this church needs. Not someday, after training, after certainty, after the trail crowds thin out and you finally have a free evening. Now. Whatever it is you already do without thinking — the way you notice when someone is missing, the meal you know how to make for a family that just lost someone, the quiet way you listen without trying to fix anything, the specific stubbornness that gets you out to clear someone's steps before they even ask — that is not preparation for ministry. That already is ministry. It was given to you before you ever thought to offer it back.

I keep returning to one small detail in scripture this month: a list of ordinary gifts — teaching, giving, leading, showing mercy —

each one followed by a single word about how it is meant to be carried. Not whether you are good enough at it. Just: give without keeping score. Lead in earnest. Show mercy with something like gladness in it. As if the gift itself was never really the question. Only the manner.

I do not think God is waiting for this congregation to become more impressive before the Spirit shows up here. I think the Spirit already moved in a long time ago, and has been quietly living in whatever you already carry — your hands, your kitchen table, your particular patience with the people other folks have given up on.

So here is my small ask this week, before the light goes any shorter. Notice the thing you already do without being asked. The specific, unglamorous, entirely-yours thing. And do it once more, on purpose, as an offering rather than a habit.

That is not a lesser kind of faith than the dramatic kind. In a town like this one, it might be the only kind that actually reaches anyone.