

SERVICE NOTES

UMH: *United Methodist Hymnal*, TFWS: *The Faith We Sing*, Girdwood Chapel's CCLI Basic #: 11038417, CCLI Streaming License #: CSPL155734, NRSVue: *New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

The Worship Helpers—Greeter: Jody, Tech Helper: Kevin, Liturgist & Finance Report: Betsy

Announcements:

- **Girdwood Food Pantry:** First Sundays 2-4p.m., 2nd&4th Wednesday 4-6p.m.
- **Walk, Talk, Pray:** 10:00 a.m. | Thursdays | at our church parking lot
- **Nominations Committee Meeting:** **Sep.15** at 2:30p.m. via Zoom
- **Leadership Meeting:** **Sep.15** at 7:00p.m. via Zoom
- **Finance Team meeting:** **Sep.22** at 3:00p.m. in the Chapel
- **75th Church Anniversary Celebration:** **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 Hyunghee or Loretta.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Starting from September 20th | Mondays | 6:30p.m. | in the Green Room | with a book, *The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters* by Priya Parker | Contact Terry for the details.

You're Invited!

Join us on Sunday, September 27 (Sunday),
as we celebrate 75 years of Girdwood Chapel.

9:30 a.m. — Anniversary Worship

Rev. Jim Doepken will join us for worship.

11:00 a.m. — Anniversary Celebration

Following worship, we will gather for:

- Church Anniversary Video
- Sharing Memories of Girdwood Chapel
- Potluck
- Historical Display

Come celebrate the people, stories, and ministry that have shaped
Girdwood Chapel over the past 75 years.



September 13, 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: We come from different weeks, different concerns, and different ways of seeing the world.

All: Still, Christ gathers us at one table and calls us one people.

One: None of us lives only for ourselves.

All: In life and in death, we belong to the Lord.

One: Then let us make room for one another, listen for God's Word, and give thanks for the life we share.

All: Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"
lyrics on the screen

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Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

**God of mercy, here we are again—with gratitude and worry,
with things settled and things still unresolved,
with much that we understand and much that remains beyond us.**

You know the life of this congregation:

the people gathered here, the work we share,

the choices before us, and the resources placed in our care.

As we worship, turn our attention toward you.

Let your Word correct us where we need correction,

free us from judging one another,

and remind us that none of us lives only for ourselves.

May what we say, sing, hear, and offer today

be faithful to the One to whom we belong. Amen.

Scripture Reading Romans 14:1–12 (CEB)

1 Welcome the person who is weak in faith—but not in order to argue about differences of opinion.

2 One person believes in eating everything, while the weak person eats only vegetables.

3 Those who eat must not look down on the ones who don't,

and the ones who don't eat must not judge the ones who do, because God has accepted them.

4 Who are you to judge someone else's servants?

They stand or fall before their own Lord (and they will stand, because the Lord has the power to make them stand).

5 One person considers some days to be more sacred than others, while another person considers all days to be the same.

Each person must have their own convictions.

6 Someone who thinks that a day is sacred, thinks that way for the Lord. Those who eat, eat for the Lord, because they thank God. And those who don't eat, don't eat for the Lord, and they thank the Lord too.

7 We don't live for ourselves and we don't die for ourselves.

8 If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord.

Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to God.

9 This is why Christ died and lived: so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 But why do you judge your brother or sister?

Or why do you look down on your brother or sister?

We all will stand in front of the judgment seat of God.

11 Because it is written,

As I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow to me, and every tongue will give praise to God.

12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

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

Message "Finance Report"

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, we bring these offerings from the ordinary work of our lives.

Some are given with ease, some with careful thought,

and all become part of the ministry we hold in common.

Bless what is given today.

Give us good judgment in how it is used, honesty in the choices we make, and attention to the people our ministry is meant to serve.

May our common resources support work that reflects your mercy and love. 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

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*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

Our vision

At Girdwood Chapel, we envision a community of grace where every person belongs.

Rooted in Christ and grounded in prayer, we embody dignity and neighborliness through listening, service, hospitality, and shared life.

We gather around real bread and real stories, uniting across differences in worship, study, and daily living.

Together, we lift one another in joy and in grief, cultivating hope when the world feels unhelpful.

Our vision is to be a heartbeat of Girdwood connected in love and committed to Christ, with faith that makes room for grace and honors differences.