

SERVICE NOTES

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The Worship Helpers—Greeter: Jody, Tech Helper: Wendy, Liturgist: Clark, Preacher: Pastor Hyunghee

Announcements:

- **Girdwood Food Pantry:** First Sundays 2-4p.m., 2nd&4th Wednesday 4-6p.m.
- **Walk, Talk, Pray:** 10:00 a.m. I Thursdays I at our church parking lot
- **Women's Bible Study:** Starting from September 20th I Mondays I 6:30p.m. I in the Green Room I with a book, *The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters* by Priya Parker I Contact Terry for the details
- **Finance Team meeting:** Sep.22 at 3:00p.m. in the Chapel
- **Parking Event:** Hope Social Club Concert at Brewery— October 10 (6 p.m.)
- **All Church Conference:** Oct. 11 (Sun.) following the worship at 10:45 a.m. in the Green Room



11:00 a.m. — Anniversary Celebration

Following worship, we will gather for:

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



September 20, 2026 | Sunday Worship | 9:30 a.m.

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

WE GATHER

Welcome & Announcements (*back of bulletin*)

*Call to Worship

One: We gather before God, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: We come to receive the mercy that has brought us here.

One: God's concern reaches beyond the people and places we know.

All: Open our eyes to the lives we have overlooked.

One: God asks, "Should I not be concerned?"

All: Open our hearts to those we struggle to love.

One: Come, let us worship the God who cares for every creature.

All: Gather us in your mercy, and teach us to share your love.

Opening Hymn "Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)" by Hillsong Worship
lyrics on the screen

Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

Merciful God, you have brought us together in this place, each carrying a different week, each needing your grace. Help us become present to you and to one another. We confess how readily we decide who people are and what they deserve. Sometimes we welcome your patience with us while resenting your patience with someone else. As we hear Jonah's story, give us the honesty to recognize ourselves in it. Let your question reach the places where we have stopped caring. Gather us today to learn the love of Jesus Christ, and let that love shape what we do when we leave. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

Scripture Reading Jonah 3:10–4:11 (CEB)

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

1 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry.

2 He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said

while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment.

3 And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” 4 And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

6 The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush.

7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered.

8 When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

9 But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.”

10 Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night.

11 And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

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

Message “Should I Not Be Concerned?”
—Category, Purpose, and a City Called Nineveh”

WE RESPOND

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:

Generous God, we give thanks for the care we have received:

food shared, time freely given, and kindness offered when we needed it.

With gratitude, we bring these gifts into the life of this congregation. Let them become meals for our neighbors, a place of welcome, and help that arrives when someone feels forgotten. Guide our decisions about what we keep and what we share. May our giving express your concern for lives beyond our own, and may we find joy in the good these gifts make possible. Through Jesus Christ, amen.

Prayers and Celebration & The Lord’s prayer

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

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

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE & SERVE

*Closing Hymn “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
lyrics on the screen

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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 unhopeful.

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.