

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: Wendy, Tech Helper: Lynné, Liturgist: Terry, Peacher: Pastor Hyunghee

Announcements:

- **A Warm Welcome to Our Conference Superintendent, Rev. Kristi McGuire!**
- **All Church Conference:** October 11th | Following the worship | in the Green Room
- **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
- **Women's Bible Study:** 6:30p.m. | Mondays | 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.
- **Leadership Recognition Sunday:** October 18th | Sunday
- **PFD Drive:** As Permanent Fund Dividend payments arrive beginning October 1, please consider giving a portion of your PFD to support Girdwood Chapel's ministry and care for our community. This year, we hope to raise \$2,000 through the PFD Drive to support Girdwood Chapel's 2026 operating budget, including rising costs such as electricity and heating.
- **Sightings of God & Sightings of Grace:** This fall, keep watching for moments of God's presence and grace in everyday life. **Where have you encountered God or noticed grace this week?** Write your sighting on the board and share it with our church family.
- **Christmas Pageant Volunteers Needed:** Our **Community Christmas Pageant** will be held on **December 24 at 5:00 p.m. at Alyeska Resort**. We are looking for a coordinator(s) and volunteers who can arrive at **4:00 p.m.** to help with costumes, children's activities, and preparation. If you'll be in town and can help, please contact **Loretta or Pastor Hyunghee**.

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October 11, 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: God has been our home in every generation.

All: We come with gratitude for the grace we have received.

One: Jesus calls us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind.

All: We offer God our whole lives.

One: Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

All: Teach us to care for the people whose lives we share.

One: We worship Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen Lord.

All: Come, Holy Spirit. Help us hear Christ's word and follow Jesus.

Opening Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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(verses 1,2,&4) *lyrics on the screen*

Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

God of mercy, you have loved us before we knew how to love you.

Receive what is on our minds this morning, including what is difficult

to say. Forgive us for the times we have spoken of your love

while overlooking our neighbors. As we hear the Scriptures,

help us see Jesus more clearly and listen to what Jesus asks of us.

By your Spirit, free us from the need to have every answer.

Give us patience to hear one another and courage to love

when love is difficult. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:34–46 (NRSVue)

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him.

36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

37 He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' "

38 This is the greatest and first commandment.

39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together,

Jesus asked them this question:

42 “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?”

They said to him, “The son of David.”

43 He said to them,

“How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

44 ‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?

45 “If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?”

46 No one was able to give him an answer,

nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message “The Question After the Answer”

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: God of grace, in Jesus Christ you have given yourself for us. Receive these gifts as our response to your grace. Use them to provide food for our neighbors and sustain the ministry of this church. As we share what we have, teach us to share our lives too. Help us receive our neighbors’ gifts and listen to what they need. Establish the work of our hands, so that our giving bears witness to your love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. 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 “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

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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.

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