

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: Gus, Liturgist: Mary Ellen, Preacher: Pastor Hyunghiee

Announcements:

- **Leadership Recognition Sunday:** October 18th | Sunday
- **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.
- **PFD Drive:** 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:** Please write your sighting on the board and share it with our church family. **Where have you encountered God or noticed grace this week?**
- **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 Hyunghiee**.
- **Outreach Opportunity: A Care Package for Caleb:** Let's send some encouragement to Caleb, a teenager attending Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka who joined us for Brunch Church in August! Please bring a small treat, baked good, card, or encouraging note to the Chapel today, October 18. A collection box is available, and the package will be mailed tomorrow.

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with faith that makes room for grace and honors differences.*



October 18, 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: The Lord is holy, a lover of justice.

All: We gather to praise God and learn God's ways.

One: God knows us by name and promises to go with us.

All: We come with what we can offer and with the care we need.

One: Every person among us bears God's image.

All: Teach us to honor that image in one another.

One: Let us give thanks for those who serve and for the love that sustains this church.

All: We offer ourselves to God, for worship here and service beyond these doors.

Opening Hymn

"All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord"
lyrics on the screen

UMH #554

Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

God of grace, you know us by name, and you meet us here.

As you guided Moses, show us your ways.

Help us listen for your voice beneath our familiar routines. Today we thank you for those whose faithful work sustains this congregation.

Give wisdom to those facing decisions and rest to those who are tired. Teach us to receive care as freely as we offer it. Forgive us when we measure a person's worth by what they can contribute. Open our eyes to your image in each other and in the neighbors around us.

**Let the faith we profess become love people can experience.
Through Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow, we pray. Amen.**

WE HEAR THE WORD

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:15-22 (NRSVue)

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.

16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality.

17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,

“Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?

19 Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius.

20 Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?”

21 They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.”

22 When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message “Whose Image Do We Carry?”

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 generosity, we place these gifts before you with gratitude for all that has sustained us. As we count and use this offering, keep the lives of our neighbors before us. May these gifts help someone find a welcome, receive a meal, or discover they do not have to carry hardship alone.

Guide those entrusted with our finances. Give us courage to spend for ministry and wisdom to care for what we share. Along with these gifts, receive our willingness to serve. Through Jesus Christ, 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

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

lyrics on the screen

UMH #419

*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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