

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: Lisa/Mike, Tech Helper: Betsy, Liturgist: Debra, Preacher: Rev. Lisa Smith Fiegel

Announcements:

- **Welcome, Rev. Lisa Smith Fiegel!** We are grateful to have you sharing the message with us today.
- **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:** 6:30p.m. I Mondays 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.
- **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**.

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



October 25, 2026 I Sunday Worship I 9:30 a.m.

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

WE GATHER

Welcome & Announcements (*back of bulletin*)

*Call to Worship

One: Give thanks to the Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever.

All: We come remembering God's goodness and our need for grace.

One: God calls us away from the things we have made into idols.

All: Turn our hearts toward you, O God.

One: The invitation goes out: Come to the wedding feast.

All: Help us receive your welcome and answer with our lives.

One: The Lord is near. Bring your prayers and thanksgiving.

All: May the peace of God guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Opening Hymn

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
lyrics on the screen

UMH #588

Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

Faithful God, when waiting becomes difficult, we reach for things we can control. We place our trust in what we can see and forget how you have carried us. Forgive us, and turn our hearts toward you again. You invite us to your feast; help us make room to answer. Where relationships are strained, teach us gentleness. Where anxiety consumes our attention, help us bring our needs to you in prayer. Shape our thoughts around what is true, just, and worthy of praise, and help us put into practice what we learn from Christ. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:1-14 (NRSVue)

1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:

2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'

5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm,
 another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated
 them, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged.
 He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.
 8 Then he said to his slaves,
 ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.
 9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the
 wedding banquet.’
 10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they
 found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.
 11 “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there
 who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him,
 ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’
 And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants,
 ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness,
 where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’
 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Rev. Lisa Smith Fiegel

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, you have welcomed us
 to a table we did not prepare and offered grace we could not earn.
 Receive these gifts with our thanks. Loosen our grip on the things we trust
 more than you. Use this offering to feed our neighbors, extend your
 welcome, and sustain the care we share.
 Let our giving be one way we answer your invitation with our lives.
 In Christ's name, Amen.

Prayers and Celebration & The Lord's prayer Terry Sherwood

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

Joys: "Thanks be to God" | **Response: "Alleluia"**

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE & SERVE

*Closing Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress"

UMH #110

lyrics on the screen

*Benediction

Rev. Lisa Smith Fiegel

*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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