

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, Tech Helper: Betty, Liturgist: Mike, Peacher: 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:** 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.
- **2027 Giving Drive:** As we prepare for 2027, please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to Girdwood Chapel. Your generosity supports our worship, ministries, community outreach, and the upkeep of our church facilities. Thank you for helping us continue sharing God's grace in Girdwood!
- **Sightings of God & Sightings of Grace: 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**.
- **Leadership Board Meeting:** Nov.10(Tue.) I 7 p.m. I via Zoom

***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.***



November 8, 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: Before we could answer, God had already called us.

All: We gather in the grace that has brought us here.

One: We bring our gratitude and the burdens we struggle to name.

All: God, receive us as we are.

One: The Lord calls us to turn our hearts toward God.

All: Open our ears to your Word and our lives to your love.

One: Let us worship the God who calls us to serve.

All: Teach us to love our neighbors and walk in your ways.

Opening Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
lyrics on the screen

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Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

Faithful God, your grace was at work long before we entered this room. You know what we bring today, including what we find difficult to say. Help us worship honestly. When we are quick to judge, give us patience to listen. Where fear or certainty has narrowed our love, open our hearts to the people beside us. As we hear your Word, show us where our lives need to change. Give us courage to receive correction and to act when a neighbor is harmed. Through Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow him, we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

Scripture Reading Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (NRSVue)

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the

River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac, ...

14 "Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord.

15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, 17 for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, 18 and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

19 But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins.

20 If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good."

21 And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!"

22 Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." 23 He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel."

24 The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message "We Will Serve the Lord?"

WE RESPOND

A Time for Reflection

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uring the song, take a quiet moment to reflect on today's Scripture, message, or prayers. You are welcome to close your eyes, pray, or simply listen. Notice a word or thought that stays with you, and bring it before God.

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: Dear God, all that we offer comes from a life already sustained by your grace. Receive these gifts and use them to feed our neighbors and sustain the care of this congregation.

As we give, examine what we hold tightly.

Help us offer our time and attention as freely as our money, so that our promise to serve you takes shape in the way we live. In Jesus' name. 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

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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*Benediction

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*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