

## SERVICE NOTES

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal, TFWS: The Faith We Sing, Girdwood Chapel's  
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Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

The Worship Helpers—Greeter: Jody, Tech Helper: Betsy, Liturgist: , 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:** 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**.
- **First Sunday of Advent:** Nov. 29th

*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 15, 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, who has entrusted us with life and grace.

**All: We come with gratitude for what we have received.**

One: We bring our hopes, our questions,  
and the things we are afraid to say.

**All: Give us courage to speak and patience to listen.**

One: Christ calls us to put our faith to work in love.

**All: Open our eyes to the neighbors we are called to serve.**

One: Come, let us worship the God who invites us into joy.

**All: We offer ourselves to God, ready to hear and respond.**

Opening Hymn

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"  
*lyrics on the screen*

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Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

**Gracious God,**

**you meet us here before we have found the right words  
or worked out what to do.**

**Help us bring our whole selves into your presence.**

**Give us room to ask honest questions.**

**Help us listen when another person's experience unsettles our own.**

**Where fear has kept us silent, give us courage.**

**Where we have spoken carelessly, teach us gentleness.**

**Show us what you are asking of us  
through the people and needs around us.**

**As we hear your Word,**

**help us recognize what you have entrusted to our care  
and how we might put it to use in love.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### WE HEAR THE WORD

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSVue)

14 “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ 21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ 23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ 26 But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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

Message “The Gift and the Risk”

## WE RESPOND

A Time for Reflection Terry Sherwood  
*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: Generous God,  
 we bring these gifts in gratitude for your care.  
 Receive them with the work, time, and love they represent.  
 Give us wisdom in how we use them.  
 Let this offering become food for a neighbor,  
 a welcome for someone seeking company,  
 and support for the work you call us to share.  
 Help us give with trust and serve with joy.  
 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

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH #593

*lyrics on the screen*

\*Benediction

Terry Sherwood

\*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**