



## Homer United Methodist Church

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### Centering

Rev. Lisa Talbott

- gather your communion elements – bread and juice or something like them
- take a deep breath, and remember that where ever you are, you are on God's holy ground

### Land Acknowledgement

Rev. Nico Reijns

Girdwood Chapel UMC

### Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

Pastor Lisa

We worship because we seek to abide in Christ.

**We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.**

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

**We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.**

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

**We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.**

If we remain in Christ, then Christ's words will remain in us.

**We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.**

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

**We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.**

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.**

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly. **Amen.**

### Prayer for Illumination<sup>2</sup>

Karin Sonnen

<sup>1</sup> adapted from prayer written by Joanna Harader (2011) and posted on Spacious Faith. <https://spaciousfaith.com/2011/02/02/wednesday-worship-pieces-3/>

<sup>2</sup> adapted from prayer written by Katherine Hawker for the Evangelical United Church of Christ. Posted on Liturgy Outside.

## Scripture

John 15:1-8

Karin Sonnen

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Song of Preparation

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: J. M. C. Crum, 1928, alt.

MUSIC: Trad. French carol; harm. by Martin Shaw, 1928

PIANIST: Ola Mullikin, Homer UMC

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## Sermon

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Rev. Carlo Rapanut

Alaska United Methodist Conference Superintendent

## Song of Response

*Be Thou My Vision*

Vheneka

MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton Young, 1963; arr. for marimbas by Karin Sonnen, Homer UMC

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## Holy Communion

Pastor Lisa

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another...

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we have forgiven those  
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom  
and the power  
and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

### **Special Music**

*Glory Be to the Father*

Joint Anchor Park UMC and St. John UMC Virtual Choir, Anchorage

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> cent.

MUSIC: Charles Meineke, 1844

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### **Benediction**

Pastor Carlo

### **Closing Song**

*Standing in the Need of Prayer*

Vheneka

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