

GIRDWOOD CHAPEL UMC

September 13, 2020

Find us on Zoom: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/913097754>

Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/girdwoodchapel

Join us in-person in our parking lot Sundays at 10:30 (we will continue to livestream)! Masks and social spacing will be required. There will be no access to the building (including for restrooms). And please, bring your own communion elements. More information is in this week's Chapel Chatter email (also linked on Facebook).

Welcome to Girdwood Chapel

Reminders for folks on Zoom - Please keep yourself muted on Zoom once the Facebook stream starts (this preserves our audio quality for those participating on Facebook)

Reminders for everyone - preparing for online worship

- Prepare yourself and your space (focus here, allow yourself this time for worship, spiritual connection, and centering)
- Supplies you may want: a Bible, a candle, a notepad, and for communion some bread and juice or something similar.

Please visit girdwoodchapel.com/worship - let us know you are here, let us know how we can be in prayer for you this week. There is also a link to our online giving page there.

- On this page you will also find resources for children, families, and adults to continue to study and grow this week!

Most of all, know you are welcome just as you are and invited to share in all parts of our worship. When we come to celebrating communion (on Zoom only), Pastor Nico will share further instructions and an invitation for us all to participate. When we say all, we mean ALL, because we believe God's table is open to everyone, and so you are invited to participate in Holy Communion (Eucharist) which we celebrate weekly.

Order of Sunday Worship (10:30am)

Community Life & Announcements

Prelude: Lord Jesus Walking on the Sea by Jaromir Weinberger (organist Lanetta Paul, LaGrange UMC, Oregon).

Call to Worship:

Voice 1: "In the beginning, the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters" (Genesis 1:1a-2)

Voice 2: Water is essential for life and a key symbol of our faith.

Voice 1: From the beginning waters of deep knowledge to the filling and sustaining waters in the desert and from the well, to the cleansing and renewing waters of baptism. Water carries deep meaning in our traditions.

Voice 2: Hear these words of assurance: "For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants." (Isaiah 44:3)

Voice 1: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." (Isaiah 43:2)

Voice 2: With joy, you will draw water from the wells of salvation. (Isaiah 12:3)

Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream (Amos [5:24](#))

Voice 2: May we see the blessings of water, know the beauty of creation, and be grateful. Amen.

Hymn: Shall We Gather at the River vs. 1&4 (*United Methodist Hymnal* 723)

Message by Rev. Rachel Byers (Vancouver, WA) and Rev. Taylor Gould (LaGrange, OR)

Scripture References:

- Jesus and the woman at the well: John 4:1-30
- Jesus and the man at the pools of Bethesda: John 5:1-9
- The Plumb Line: Amos 7:7-15

Reflection questions:

1. Has there been a moment in your life when you had a soul-connection to water?
2. How has water brought you into connection or alignment?

Song for reflection: Winter's on the Wing from "The Secret Garden" (soloist Danny Bailey, LaGrange UMC)

Connection points this week: girdwoodchapel.com/worship for Zoom links

- Our facility remains closed to all non-food pantry gatherings, but we remain connected!
- Monday evening at 6:30pm Women's Bible Study
- Wednesday 6-8pm Cabin Work party

- Wednesday 8pm evening prayer in our parking lot, 15 minutes to close our day.
- **NEW OPPORTUNITY:** Girdwood Chapel and Four Valleys Community School are teaming up to provide a space for kids who need a little extra support or supervision to complete their online schooling. Parents are able to sign up their kids for a morning session (9:30 - 11:30) or afternoon session (12:30 - 2:30) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. We need volunteers to make this happen! Contact Terry Sherwood if you are interested.

Invitation to Generosity

Give online to Girdwood Chapel: www.girdwoodchapel.com/give

Benediction & Invitation to Action

Community Gathering on Zoom

Community Prayers

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 forgive 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.**

Holy Communion

All are invited to participate in this celebration of God's grace, as Christ himself taught us and instituted around the table when he said: "Do this, in remembrance of me." You do not need to go and purchase bread and grape juice or wine. Find a food that gives you life, and a beverage that brings you joy - ordinary food and drink is all Jesus reached for at his table. As we do every week, in person or now online, we share in remembering, in invoking God's blessing, and in praying for the presence of the Holy Spirit to transform us and unite us.

Sharing of Resources and Updates (a time for co-resourcing and information sharing for our community)

Blessing and Sending