



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, October 11, 2020

10:30 a.m. Worship Gathering

Making Disciples Who Make a Difference in Seward and Beyond



Words of Welcome and Announcements:

- *Trunk-or-Treat will be on October 31 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.! Please sign-up to host a decorated trunk/table, to volunteer at the event, to donate candy, or to provide a monetary gift that will be used to purchase candy and supplies. You can sign-up or drop candy off in the front hallway of church or you can sign- up here: <https://bit.ly/SUMCTrunkorTreat>*
- *The Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, October 18 at Noon (12pm). Due to a change in Charge Conferences by the Bishop, this meeting will include review/approval of reports and budgets typically handled at Charge Conference.*
- *Thank you to all who served in various ways during the Seward UMC Workday on Saturday, Oct. 10! Thank you also for those who participated in the Virtual Crop Walk!*



Peace of Christ Blessing

Call to Worship (Maren C. Tirabassi & Joan Jordan Grant, "An Improbable Gift of Blessing," Cleveland Ohio: United Church Press, 1998, p.138.)

Leader: We come to worship with our sense of inadequate resources and fear for the future.

People: And God blesses our possibilities into amazing bounty.

Leader: We come to worship with sadness, grief, and worry about those dear to us.

People: God welcomes our intercession and strengthens those for whom we pray.

Leader: We come to worship with ourselves — imperfect, awkward, and unsure.

People: And we discover that God is waiting for us, longing for us, loving us and willing us to love ourselves.

Song of Praise – Come Now Is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

¹ One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

² Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart soul mind and strength we gladly choose You now.

Our Common Prayer (*Maren C. Tirabassi & Joan Jordan Grant, "An Improbable Gift of Blessing," Cleveland Ohio: United Church Press, 1998, pp. 215-216*)

O God, we come with everything that we are and have. Teach us to share not only out of the abundance of our lives but also out of our poverty. Strip our pretenses; still our need for attention; quiet our long prayers. Help us to give away our lives so we can find ourselves in you. Amen.

Children's Time

Pastor Jo Ellen Axthelm

Scripture Lesson - Ephesians 1:8b-12

"With all wisdom and insight God has made known to us the mystery of God's will, according to God's good pleasure set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of God who accomplishes all things according to God's counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of God's glory."

Gospel Lesson - Luke 13:10-17

"Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand upright. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood upright and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But Jesus answered, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie your ox or your donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham and Sarah whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When Jesus said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that Jesus was doing."

Response to Scripture – Forever

¹ Give thanks with us now
to our God and King
God's love endures forever
For God is good, God is above all things
God's love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful
forever God is strong
forever God is with us
forever, forever

³ From the rising to the setting sun
God's love endures forever
and by the grace of God
we will carry on
God's love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

² With a mighty hand
and an outstretched arm
God's love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
God's love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

Message

Generosity: Time

Pastor Mary Kay Totty

Prayer: Type in your joys/concerns or text to 402-810-8900.

Prayer Hymn – In God's Time (TFWS 2203)

¹ In God's time, in God's time;
God makes all things beautiful in God's time.
God, please show me every day
as you're teaching me your way,
that you do just what you say in your time.

² In your time, in your time;
you make all things beautiful in your time.
God, my life to you I bring;
may each song I have to sing
be to you a lovely thing in your time.

Pastoral Prayer

People's Prayers: Joys and Concerns shared

Lord's Prayer

Offering

We give generously of our time, talents, gifts, service, and witness.

*To make a gift in support of our continued ministry during the global pandemic,
please place your offering in the box near the front door, or visit sewardumc.org
and click on the 'donate' button.*

Offertory

Sarah Rodocker

Doxology, Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow (UMH 95)

Spoken together in unison:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Closing Hymn – Njalo/Always

Refrain:

Njalo, njalo, njalo, njalo
Njalo, njalo, njalo, njalo.

Always, always, always, always
Always, always, always, always

Verse:

Si-ya-tha-nda-za
Si-ya-ni-ke-la
Si-ya-du-mi-sa
Thi-na (*repeat*)

Always we pray
Always we give
Always we bless
Always (*repeat*)

Blessing

Pastor Mary Kay Totty

Postlude

Sarah Rodocker

Please wait for an usher to dismiss you from the sanctuary, row by row. Thank you!

The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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