



## Welcome to Worship

Sunday, November 8, 2020

10:30 a.m. Worship Gathering

*Making Disciples Who Make a Difference in Seward and Beyond*



### Words of Welcome and Announcements:

- Charge Conference Pandemic Edition, Chapter Two: As a follow up to the actions the Administrative Council took on Oct 18 to review and approve charge conference reports, our District Superintendent, Pastor Nancy Tomlinson requests that members of Administrative Council attend a Zoom meeting on Sunday evening, November 15, at 5:30p.m. This will be a network meeting with other churches in our network. During this meeting, the D.S. will ask Administrative Council members to affirm the votes and work we did on Oct 18. The link to the Zoom gathering will be sent to the Administrative Council members when it becomes available. Thank you for adding this to your calendar!
- Would you like to engage with people during worship, online, from your home? Digital ushers are needed! Please contact Wess if you are interested.



### Peace of Christ Blessing

**Call to Worship:** (*Shirley N. Morgan, Jr., "Special Services for Special Days", p.27*)

L: For the abundance of your gifts to us in the days that are past, and for the promise of steadfast grace in the days that are ahead,

**P: We give thanks to you, O God.**

L: For life and health; for strength of of mind and heart; for common things which come with every day and hour,

**P: We give thanks to you, O God.**

L: For home, for family, for friends, for all those blessings by which life becomes more meaningful and time more precious; and for the love which is ours in Christ Jesus who loves us,

**P: We give thanks to you, O God.**

L: In grateful acknowledgement that these gifts of life are ours through your merciful grace,

P: **We give ourselves to you, O God, and praise your name forever.**

### **Song of Praise – Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (UMH 160)**

<sup>1</sup> Rejoice, ye pure in heart;  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your glorious banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King.

#### Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

<sup>2</sup> Your clear hosannas raise,  
and alleluias loud;  
whilst answering echoes upward float,  
like wreaths of incense cloud. (Refrain)

<sup>3</sup> Yes, on through life's long path,  
still chanting as ye go;  
from youth to age, by night and day,  
in gladness and in woe. (Refrain)

### **Our Common Prayer (UMH, pg. 877)**

**New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **Children's Time**

**Pastor Jo Ellen Axthelm**

### **Scripture Lesson**

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:16-22**

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil.

### **Response to Scripture – I Am Thankful**

<sup>1</sup> The sun does not withhold its light  
The sea does not withhold the tide  
You won't withhold Your love and I  
I am thankful

Chorus For all You've done I am thankful  
For all You do I am thankful  
For who You are I am thankful  
For You, For You

<sup>2</sup> The moon will not forget to rise  
The stars will not forget to shine  
You won't forget me Lord and I  
I am thankful

<sup>3</sup> The mountains reach to touch the sky  
The heavens reach out far and wide  
You reach to pull me close and I  
I am thankful (*chorus*)

Bridge No greater love than this  
You gave Your life  
All I have needed Your hands provide  
Your presence God will be my guiding light  
I am thankful (*chorus*)

**Message**

**Gratitude**

**Pastor Mary Kay Totty**

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

**Prayer Hymn – In Our God I'll Be Ever Thankful** (*TFWS 2195*)

In our God I'll be ever thankful,  
in our God I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, our God is near,  
lift up your voices, our God is near.  
(*Repeat*)

**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](http://sewardumc.org)  
and click on the 'donate' button.*

**Offertory**

***Sarah Rodocker***

**Prayer of Dedication** (*Lavon Bayler, "Fresh Winds of the Spirit," p.127*)

**Eternal God, we bring offerings, not because you require them, but because we want to express our thanks; not to fulfill the law, but to demonstrate love; not to fund our pet programs, but to help others experience your justice and righteousness. Use these gifts to bring comfort to those who grieve, meaning to all whose vision is clouded, freedom to the oppressed, and food for all who hunger. Please accept and multiply these offerings to the benefit of everyone who receives and all who give. Amen.**

**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.**

**Song of Praise – Grateful**

<sup>1</sup>This is the day that you have made  
Whatever comes I won't complain  
For all my hope is in your name  
And now your joy awaits my praise

<sup>2</sup>When I was down you brought me out  
And set my feet on higher ground  
So here I stand you are my God  
Your faithfulness my solid rock

Bridge

And as we lift our hands  
The heavens open heavens open  
So let our lives declare  
The love our God has spoken over us

Chorus 1

I give thanks for all you have done  
And I will sing of your mercy and your love  
Your love is unfailing, God I am grateful

Chorus 2

I give thanks for all you have done  
I won't forget all the battles you have won  
Your love is unfailing, God I am grateful

**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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