



Welcome to Worship @ Home

Sunday, December 6, 2020 — 10:30 a.m.

Longing for Emmanuel — O Key of David

Making Disciples Who Make a Difference in Seward and Beyond



Words of Welcome and Announcements:

- Would you like to engage with people during worship, online, from your home? Digital ushers are needed! Please contact Wess if you are interested.
- Drive-Thru Living Nativity TONIGHT in the parking lot, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Children's Christmas Program Premiere - Facebook and YouTube on Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Pick up your premiere watch party bag on Wednesday between 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot!
- Bible Study Zoom - every Thursday @ 10:30 a.m. Contact Pastor Mary Kay for details!

Peace of Christ Blessing

Call to Worship: (MKT, 2020)

L: Just as you are, welcome to this time of worship.

P: We are weary. It has been a long and difficult year. And many of our holiday traditions are compromised or cancelled this year.

L: Bring your weariness, bring your longing, bring your disappointment, they are a part of you and just as you are, you are welcome here.

P: We come longing for our faith to be strengthened, for our hope to be renewed. We come seeking a bit of joy and a world of peace.

L: We will journey together through this Advent season. We will be support and encouragement for one another. Along the way, may we all encounter the Holy One in our midst.

Song of Praise – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (UMH 196)

¹ Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

² Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.



Our Common Prayer (MKT, 2020)

O come Key of David, we are trapped in disappointment and even despair. Set us free from fear and renew our hope for what the world might be. Unlock our creativity and help us build the beloved community. Amen.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

A: In the midst of unsettled times, it is good to return to familiar traditions, like our Advent wreath where we light a new candle each week.

B: Last week we lit the candle of Wisdom as we prayed for our faith to be strengthened.

C: This week we light the Key of David candle as we long for freedom and for hope to be reborn.

D: "O Key of David, and scepter of the House of Israel, which opens what none may lock, and locks what none may open: come and convey us prisoners out of dungeon cells, we who dwell in darkness, and the shadow of death."

The purple candle from last week and another purple candle are lit while a soloist sings verse 5 of #211: "O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home. The captives from their prison free, and conquer death's deep misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

Children's Time

Pastor Jo Ellen Axthelm

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 22:22, Isaiah 42:5-9

Isaiah 22:22:

"I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open and no one shall shut; he shall shut, and no one shall open."

42:5-9:

"Thus says God who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: 'I am God, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am God, that is my name, my glory I give to no other, not my praise to idols. See the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.'"

Response to Scripture – Hail to the Lord’s Anointed (Text: James Montgomery, Music: Sandra McCracken)

Refrain

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
His reign on earth begun!

¹ He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity. (Refrain)

² He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;

³ To give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in his sight. (Refrain)

⁴ He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.

⁵ The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever;
that name to us is love. (Refrain)

Message

Longing for Emmanuel - O Key of David

Pastor Mary Kay Totty

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

Pastoral Prayer

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

Prayer of Dedication (MKT, 2020)

We give thanks, Holy One, for all that you have done in our lives. We give thanks for all that you entrust to our care and stewardship. Receive now the gifts of this congregation. Grant that they may be used for ministries of love and service, worship and praise, study, care, mission, and outreach. In the name of Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn - Make Room

¹ A family hiding from the storm
Found no place at the keeper's door
It was for this a child was born
To save a world so cold and hollow

² A sleeping town they did not know
That lying in a manger low
A Savior king who had no home
Has come to heal our sorrows

Chorus 1

Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart
Is there room in your heart
For God to write His story

Chorus 2

You can come as you are
but it may set you apart
When you make in your heart
and trade your dreams for His glory
Make room in your heart. Make room in your heart.

Blessing

Pastor Mary Kay Totty

Fellowship Zoom Breakouts

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The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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