



Welcome to Worship
Sunday, January 24, 2020 — 8:00 a.m.
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Making Disciples Who Make a Difference in Seward and



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WORSHIP SERIES

Words of Welcome and Announcements:

- All are welcome to weekly Bible study with Pastor Mary Kay on Thursday mornings! Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. or from the comfort of home at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom.
- Our new zoom Sunday School for mixed ages of children will start in February! Leaders are working to get ready.
- Zoom Fellowship Time will begin soon after worship on Sundays. If you are willing to host these times of connection with one another, please let Pastor Mary Kay, Pastor Jo Ellen, or Wess know!
- We welcome Terri Abrams, our new Office/Finance Administrator! Terri will be in the Seward UMC office throughout the week, training, learning, and getting to know each of you. Pop by and say 'Hi!'.

Prelude

Pam McConnell

Peace of Christ Blessing

Call to Worship: *(Discipleship Ministries - Carolyn Brown)*

For just this hour,

Follow me

Listen to my word

Follow me

Think about your life as my disciple every day

Follow me

Pray

Follow me

Sing

Follow me

Come, let us worship God!

Hymn

The Summons

TFWS 2130

¹ Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

² Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

³ Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoner free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

⁴ Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

⁵ Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Our Common Prayer (*Discipleship Ministries - Bob Gibson*)

You call us,
Wanderer of seashores and sidewalks,
inviting us to sail out of our smug harbors
into the uncharted waters of faith
to wander off from our predictable paths to follow You
into the unpredictable footsteps of the kingdom;
to leave the comfort of our homes and accompany
You into the uncomfortable neighborhoods we usually avoid.
As we wait,
in our simple, sometimes crazy,
constantly uncertain lives,

Speak to us, Spirit of Grace:
of that hope which is our anchor;
of that peace which is our rock;
of that grace which is our refuge.

Children's Time

Pastor Mary Kay Totty

Scripture Lesson - Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of God came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, the great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of God. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed God's mind about the calamity that God had said God would bring upon them; and God did not do it.

Psalm 62:5-12

UMH 787

R: I sing your praise for steadfast love; fulfill your purpose for me.

L: For God alone my soul waits in silence,

**P: for my hope is from God,
who alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

L: On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

**P: Trust in God at all time, O people;
pour out your heart before God who is a refuge for us. (R)**

L: Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

**P: Put no confidence in extortion,
set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

L: Once God has spoken,
twice have I heard this:
power belongs to God,

**P: and to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love,
for you repay all according to their work. (R)**

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Hymn

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

UMH 344

¹ Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

^R O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boats left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

³ You need my hands, full of caring
through my labors to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. (R)

⁴ You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. (R)

Message

“Me? Called to Community?”

Pastor Jo Ellen Axthelm

Litany of Response - “O God We Long for Your Presence”

(Carolyn W. Dandridge, The Africana Worship Book for Year B, Discipleship Resources, 2007, p. 61.)

One: Though often misunderstood, often held captive by our fabricated realities, our souls long for peace.

Many: O God, we long for your presence; we long for peace.

One: We run without a destination, surrounded by highways of turbulent noise. We are tired, worn and battered, and our souls long for joy.

Many: O God, we long for your presence; we long for joy.

One: Through it all; in it all; and around all of it – choose to love the astounding teachings of the Messiah. Look to experience peace and joy – even in the midst of disappointment, war, injustice, or poverty. Allow your soul to become acquainted with the One who changes hard challenges into opportunities for transformation and growth.

Many: Peace and Joy are possible in the presence of the Savior.

All: In spite of the world’s challenges, we choose peace; we choose joy; we choose to follow YOU, Lord!

Thank you to Mentors and Video

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

Music for Prayer

Come and See

TFWS 2127

“Come and see, come and see,
I am the way and the truth,” said he.
“Follow me, follow me,
come as a child, O come and see”

Kyrie, Kyrie,
Kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe,
Christe eleison.

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

Pam McConnell

Prayer of Dedication *(Mark 1:14-20)*

Generous God, we ask you to bless the gifts we give this morning. We ask that you help grow the trust in us, that we might follow without looking back and that we might leave behind more of our old lives to experience more deeply new life in you. Help us to leave our nets on the shore, leave those things that seemed essential before we heard the call, so that we might travel the road you have put before us. In the name of Christ who goes before us and beside us, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

Forth in Your Name, O Lord

UMH 438

¹ Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labor to pursue;
You, only You, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.

² The task Your wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works Your presence find,
and prove Your good and perfect will

³ You may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance see,
and labor on at Your command,
and offer all my works to You.

⁴ For You delightfully employ
what’er Your bounteous grace has given
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with You to heaven.

Closing Prayer (*Discipleship Ministries - Carolyn Brown*)

As you go out into the world

Follow me

At home with your household

Follow me

At school and work

Follow me

In everything you do this week

Follow me

And as you do, remember that I am with you always,
even to the end of the world.

Benediction

Pastor Jo Ellen Axthelm

Postlude

Pam McConnell

The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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