



**Welcome to Worship**  
**Sunday, January 24, 2020 — 10:30 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!'.

**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**

I Will Call upon the Lord

**TFWS 2002**

I will call upon the Lord (echo)  
who is worthy to be praised. (echo)  
So shall I be saved from my enemies. (echo)  
I will call upon the Lord

<sup>R</sup>The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;  
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.  
The Lord lively, and blessed be the Rock;  
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

**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.

*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

### Two Fishermen

TFWS 2101

<sup>1</sup>Two fishermen, who lived along the Sea of Galilee,  
stood by the shore to cast their nets into an ageless sea.  
Now Jesus watched them from afar, then called them each by name.  
It changed their lives, these simple men; they'd never be the same.

<sup>R</sup> “Leave all things you have and come and follow me,  
and come and follow me.”

<sup>2</sup> And as he walked along the shore 'twas James and John he'd find,  
and these two sons of Zebedee would lave their boats behind.  
Their work and all they held so dear they left beside their nets.  
Their names they'd heard as Jesus called; they came without regret. (R)

<sup>3</sup> O Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John beloved one,  
you heard Christ's call to speak good news revealed to God's own Son.  
Susanna, Mary, Magdalene who traveled with your Lord,  
you ministered to him with joy for he is God adored. (R)

<sup>4</sup> And you, good Christians, one and all who'd follow Jesus' way,  
come leave behind what keeps you bound to trappings of our day,  
and listen as he calls your name to come and follow near;  
for still he speaks in varied ways to those his call will hear. (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**

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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** *(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**

Christ Is Enough for Me

<sup>1</sup> Christ is my reward and all of my devotion  
Now there's nothing in this world  
That could ever satisfy  
Through every trial my soul will sing  
No turning back I've been set free

<sup>c</sup> Christ is enough for me  
Christ is enough for me  
Everything I need is in You  
Everything I need

<sup>2</sup> Christ my all in all the joy of my salvation  
And this hope will never fail  
Heaven is our home  
Through every storm my soul will sing  
Jesus is here to God be the glory (C)

<sup>B</sup> I have decided to follow Jesus  
No turning back, no turning back  
The cross the before me the world behind me  
No turning back, no turning back

**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**

**Sarah Rodocker**

***The People of God Go Forth to Serve***

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