

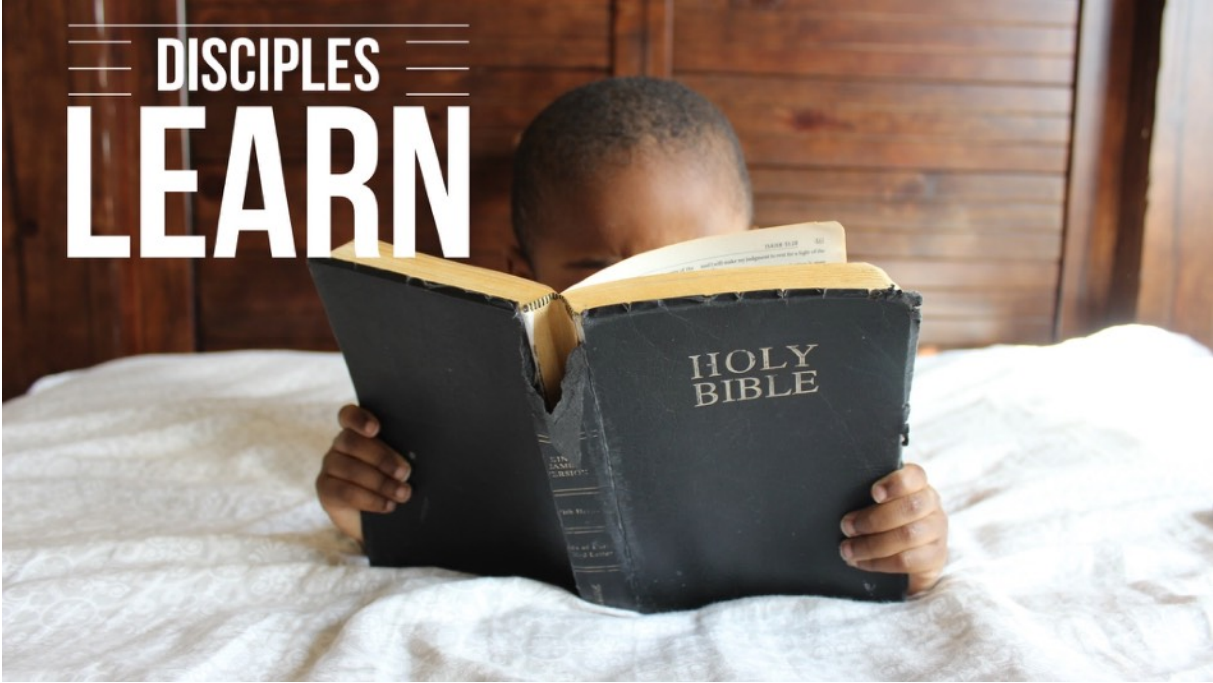


**Welcome to Worship**  
**Sunday, February 21, 2020 — 10:30 a.m.**  
*Making Disciples Who Make a Difference  
in Seward and Beyond*



**Words of Welcome and Announcements:**

*See announcement flyer.*



**Peace of Christ Blessing**

**Call to Worship**

L: Welcome to worship during this season of Lent.

**P: We gather today seeking to understand how to be better disciples.**

L: We give thanks for the cloud of witnesses who have embodied faithfulness to Jesus in their daily lives.

**P: May we learn from disciples who made a difference in order that we also may make a difference.**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the source of faith and learning  
that has sparked and stoked the mind  
with a passion for discerning  
how the world has been designed.  
Let the sense of wonder flowing  
from the wonders we survey  
keep our faith forever growing  
and renew our need to pray:

<sup>3</sup> May our faith redeem the blunder  
of believing that our thought  
has displaced the grounds for wonder  
which the ancient prophets taught.  
May our learning curb the error  
which unthinking faith can breed  
let us justify some terror  
with an antiquated creed.

<sup>2</sup> God of wisdom, we acknowledge  
that our science and our art  
and the breadth of human knowledge  
only partial truth impart.  
Far beyond our calculation  
lies a depth we cannot sound  
where your purpose for creation  
and the pulse of life are found.

<sup>4</sup> As to currents in a river  
fight each other's undertow  
til converging they deliver  
one coherent steady flow,  
blend, O God, our faith and learning  
till they carve a singer course,  
till they join as one, returning  
praise and thanks to you, their source.

### Our Common Prayer

God of Wisdom, we thank you for the example of Mary McLeod Bethune, for her love of learning, for her commitment to teach others, for her dedicated advocacy that improved the life of so many. Help us to be life long learners and patient teachers. Grant that our faith will continue to grow and deepen. In Jesus's name. Amen.

### Children's Time

Pastor May Kay Totty

### Scripture Lesson - II Timothy 1:3-7

<sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

### Luke 2:41-46

<sup>41</sup> Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

## Hymn

## Jesus' Parents Left the Temple

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette Tune: W ZLOBIE LEZY (Polish Carol)

<sup>1</sup> Jesus' parents left the Temple with a traveling caravan.

They were sure their son was with them as they left Jerusalem.

Soon they cried, "We cannot find him!"

He was somehow left behind them,

So they went to search for him.

<sup>2</sup> They went back and finally found him with the teachers of the Law.

What they witnessed was astounding! What a wondrous sight they saw.

For the questions he was raising

Showed his knowledge was amazing;

All who heard him were in awe.

<sup>4</sup> God of Love, with earthly parents, Jesus listened, learned, and grew.

In the Temple, in your presence, he knew he was home with you.

We're reminded of his wisdom;

He already knew his mission

And the work that he would do.

## Message

## Disciples Learn

Pastor Mary Kay Totty

## Prayer of Confession

**God of Mercy, forgive us when we would shut our ears and our minds and refuse to learn, forgive us when we close ourselves off from trying to understand other points of view. Amen and amen.**

*Time of Silent Confession*

## Words of Assurance

Pastor: Hear the good news! God is ever more ready to forgive than we are to confess.

We are forgiven.

People: **We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

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

## Music for Prayer

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

<sup>2</sup> Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;

thou and thou only, first in my heart,

great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

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

## Offertory

Sarah Rodocker

## Prayer of Dedication

Receive O God the offerings we bring with glad and generous hearts. Grant that they will be used for the ministries of this congregation as we seek to make disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond. For all that is entrusted to us, we give thanks. Amen.

## Hymn

### Go Make A Difference

<sup>C</sup> Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.  
Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.

<sup>1</sup> We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see  
the love of God in you and me.  
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.  
Go make a difference in the world. *(Chorus)*

<sup>2</sup> We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see.  
We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace.  
Go make a difference in the world. *(Chorus)*

<sup>3</sup> So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.  
Go make a difference in the world. *(Chorus)*

## Benediction

Pastor Mary Kay Totty

## Postlude

Sarah Rodocker

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

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