



Welcome to Worship
Sunday, February 28, 2020 — 8:00 a.m.
*Making Disciples Who Make a Difference
in Seward and Beyond*



Words of Welcome and Announcements:

See announcement flyer.



Prelude

Dylan Teut

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.

Hymn

Together We Serve

TFWS 2175

¹ Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.

² We seek to become, a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

³ We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

⁴ Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

Our Common Prayer

God of the Least, Last, and Lost, we thank you for the example of Corrie ten Boom, for her bravery in sheltering Jewish people fleeing the nazi regime. She helped people even when it put herself and her family at risk. Take our hands and let us help those in need. Give us courage and faithfulness even in dangerous situations. Amen and amen.

Children's Time

Pastor Mary Kay Totty

Scripture Lesson - Matthew 25:31-40

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by God, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Christ, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And Christ will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

¹ The church of Christ, in every age
beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

³ Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

² Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

⁵ We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord,
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

Message

Disciples Help

Pastor Jo Ellen Axthelm

Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy, forgive us when we ignore the cries of those in need, forgive us when we look the other way rather than seeing the needs of those who are hurting. We confess that sometimes it is easier to keep going than to take the time to help another. 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

The Servant Song

TFWS 2222

¹ Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

³ I will hold the Christ light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear

² We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on this road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

⁴ I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

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**Dylan Teut****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 Ye, Go Ye Into the World

TFWS 2239

¹ Go ye, go ye into the world, and make disciples of all the nations.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!

² Go ye, go ye into the world, and take the gospel to all the people.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!

³ Go ye, go ye into the world, and tell the story to all believers.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!

Benediction**Pastor Jo Ellen Axthelm****Postlude****Dylan Teut*****The People of God Go Forth to Serve***

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