



**Welcome to Worship**  
**Sunday, March 14, 2020 — 8:00 a.m.**  
*Making Disciples Who Make a Difference  
in Seward and Beyond*



**Words of Welcome and Announcements:**

*See announcement flyer.*



**Prelude**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**Dylan Teut & Megan Forbes**

**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>You are the salt for the earth, O people:

**Salt for the Kingdom of God!**

Share the flavor of life, O people:

**Life in the Kingdom of God!**

<sup>2</sup>You are a light on the hill, O people:

**Light for the City of God!**

Shine so holy and bright, O people:

**Shine for the Kingdom of God!** (c)

<sup>c</sup>**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,**

**bring forth the Kingdom of peace;**

**bring forth the Kingdom of justice,**

**bring forth the City of God!**

<sup>3</sup>You are a seed of the Word, O people:

**Bring forth the Kingdom of God!**

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,

**grow in the Kingdom of God!** (c)

### **Our Common Prayer**

God who sustains us, we thank you for the example of Sojourner Truth, for her willingness to preach your word, for her witness. Teach us to be witnesses of your love and grace, through the words we say and how we interact with others in the world around us. Make us ever more faithful witnesses of love and grace. Amen.

### **Children's Time**

**Pastor Jo Ellen Axthelm**

### **Scripture Lesson - Galatians 3:23-28**

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

### **Mark 6:7-13**

<sup>7</sup>Jesus called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**Hymn****We All Are One in Mission****TFWS 2243**

<sup>1</sup> We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

<sup>2</sup> We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

<sup>3</sup> Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

**Message****Disciples Witness****Pastor May Kay Totty****Prayer of Confession**

**God of Mercy, forgive us when we fail to witness to your love and grace. Forgive us those times when we had opportunity to speak of your love and we chose to be silent. Forgive us those times that our actions did not reflect love and compassion. 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****As a Fire Is Meant for Burning****TFWS 2237**

<sup>1</sup> As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,  
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.  
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,  
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

<sup>2</sup> We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light.  
In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.

**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

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

**Dylan Teut & Megan Forbes**

## 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

You Are the Seed

**UMH 583**

<sup>1</sup> You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will shine in the night; you are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the dark. You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear golden grain; you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch, my witnesses where'er you go.

<sup>R</sup> Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all, messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."

<sup>2</sup> You are the flame that will lighten the dark, sending sparkles of hope, faith, and love; you are the shepherds to lead the whole world through valleys and pastures of peace. You are the friends that I chose for myself, the word that I want to proclaim. You are the new kingdom built on a rock where justice and truth always reign. (R)

<sup>3</sup> You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a turbulent sea; yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield. There is no place for a city to hide, nor a mountain can cover its might; may your good deeds show a world in despair a path that will lead all to God. (R)

## Benediction

**Pastor Mary Kay Totty**

## Postlude

**Dylan Teut**

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

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