



Welcome to Worship
Sunday, March 14, 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.

¹You 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!

²You 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)

^c**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,**

bring forth the Kingdom of peace;

bring forth the Kingdom of justice,

bring forth the City of God!

³You 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

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

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

Hymn**We All Are One in Mission**

TFWS 2243

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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

¹ 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.

² 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 and click on the 'donate' button.

Offertory

Pam McConnell

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

^c Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.
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¹ 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)*

² 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)*

³ 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

Pam McConnell

The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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