

Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

May 9, 2021 - 8:00 a.m.



Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude

Dylan Teut

Passing of the Peace

Call To Worship

L: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

P: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.

L: Praise be to God who provides for us.

P: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.

L: Let us worship God.

P: Amen

Hymn

Let's Sing Unto the Lord

UMH 149

¹Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of glad rejoicing.

Let's sing a hymn of love, at the new day's fresh beginning.

God made the sky above, the stars, the sun, the oceans;

and God saw it was good, for those works were filled with beauty.

^R Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!

² Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of adoration,
which shows our love and faith and the hope of all creation.
Through all that has been made, the Lord is praised for greatness,
and so we sing to God, who bestows such lovely blessings. (*R*)

Common Prayer (unison)

We return thanks to the moon and stars,
 which have given us their light when the sun was gone.
We return thanks to the sun,
 that has looked upon the earth with a beneficent eye.
Lastly, we return thanks to the Great Spirit,
 in Whom is embodied all goodness,
 and Who directs all things for the good of God's children.

Children's Time

Pastor Jen Davidson

Scripture Lesson - Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
 Worship the Lord with gladness.
 Come into God's presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God,
 It is God that made us, and we are God's,
 we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
 and God's courts with praise.
 Give thanks and bless God's name.
For the Lord is good;
 God's steadfast love endures for ever,
 God's faithfulness to all generations.

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH 102

¹ Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ill, in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Sermon

Rethinking Gratitude

Pastor Jen Davidson

The Prayers of the People

Please share your joys or concerns at the microphone or in the comments on Facebook or by texting us at 402-810-8900.

Prayer Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH 92

¹ For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
God of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

⁴ For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
God of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Dylan Teut

Doxology

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts,
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, thank you for sharing Jesus with us. Thank you for choosing us to carry on the work Jesus did. We bring our offerings to help in that work. Bless the offerings that they can do good in our town and all around the world. Help us to be better disciples every day. Amen.

Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

TFWS 2008

¹ Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
God's banners fly o'er us;
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

² The law God enforces,
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.
We, too, should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

Benediction

Pastor Jen Davidson

Postlude

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The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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Common Prayer © Iriquois prayer (adapted)

Prayer of Dedication adapted from "Bread for the Journey" p. 48

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