

Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

May 9, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.



Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

Welcome and Greeting

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

Because of Your Love

As we come in Your presence we remember every blessing
that You poured out so freely from above

Lifting gratitude and praises for compassion so amazing
God we've come to give you thanks for all You've done

© Because of Your love we're forgiven
Because of Your love our hearts are clean
We lift You up with songs of freedom
Forever we're changed because of You're love

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

Deb Snell

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

Grateful

¹This is the day that you have made, whatever comes I won't complain
For all my hope is in your name and now your joy awaits my praise.

^CI give thanks for all You have done
and I will sing of Your mercy and Your love
Your love is unfailing
God I am grateful

²When I was down you brought me out and set my feet on higher ground
So here I stand, You are my God, Your faithfulness my solid rock (C)

^BAnd as we lift our hands the heavens open, heavens open
So let our lives declare the love our God has spoken over us

Benediction

Pastor Jen Davidson

Postlude

Deb Snell

The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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