

# Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

*June 13, 2021 - 8:00 a.m.*



*Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.*

## Welcome and Greeting

**Prelude**

**Deb Snell**

## Passing of the Peace

### Call To Worship

**L:** May the flame of the Spirit touch our souls,

**P:** **the light of Christ's truth fill our minds,**

**L:** and the love of the Maker fill our hearts

**P:** **as we worship together on this day.**

**All:** **Amen**

**Hymn**

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

**UMH 89**

<sup>1</sup>Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

<sup>2</sup>All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

<sup>3</sup>Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

<sup>4</sup>Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

**Common Prayer** (*read responsively*)

L: Creator Spirit, wellspring of our lives, as the refreshing rain falls on the just and unjust alike

**P: Refresh us with your mercy, who knows our own injustice.**

L: As a stream flows steadily on, defying all odds of stone and water,

**P: flow over every boundary and border that separates us from each other.**

L: As the waters of our baptism washed us and welcomed us,

**P: renew us now in newness of life and unity of love.**

L: As we were once held in the waters of our mother's womb,

**P: Hold us in the power and peace of your abiding presence.**

**ALL: Amen**

**Children's Time**

**Pastor Jen Davidson**

**Scripture Lesson - Exodus 35:30-35**

<sup>30</sup>Then Moses said to the Israelites, "See, God has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, <sup>31</sup>and has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills- <sup>32</sup>to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, <sup>33</sup>to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts. <sup>34</sup>And God has given both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, the ability to teach others. <sup>35</sup>God has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them skilled workers and designers.

**Ephesians 3:14-19**

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Creator, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of God's glorious riches you may be strengthened with power through the Holy Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all of God's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

**Hymn**

**My Life Flows On**

**TFWS 2212**

<sup>1</sup> My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

<sup>R</sup>No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

<sup>2</sup>Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (R)

<sup>3</sup>What though the joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.  
What though they darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. (R)

<sup>4</sup>The peace that Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (R)

**Sermon**

**Be Still, and Know That I Am God**

**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**

**Be Still and Know That I Am God**

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<sup>1</sup> Be still and <sup>2</sup> know  
that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.

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

**Offertory**

**Deb Snell**

Doxology

UMH 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Put these gifts, and our time and talents, to work in the world for your purposes, O God. Grant to us the capacity to move beyond good intentions to give ourselves completely to making a difference in your name. Amen.

**Hymn**

**Lord of the Dance**

**UMH 261**

<sup>1</sup>I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

<sup>R</sup> Dance, then wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

<sup>2</sup> I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came to me and the dance went on. (R)

<sup>3</sup> I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;  
and they left me there on a cross to die. (R)

<sup>4</sup> I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on. (R)

<sup>5</sup> They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (R)

**Benediction**

**Pastor Jen Davidson**

**Postlude**

**Deb Snell**

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