

Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

June 20, 2021 - 8:00 a.m. — Happy Father's Day!



Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Pam McConnell

Passing of the Peace

Call To Worship

L: O Divine Energy,

P: Guide and direct our time of worship.

L: O Divine Love,

P: Guide and direct our time of sharing

L: O Divine Life,

P: May we listen attentively for You and for one another as we remember your presence within us and among us.

ALL: Amen

Hymn

His Eye is on the Sparrow

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¹ Why should I feel discouraged?

Why should the shadows come?

Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home,

When Jesus is my portion?

My constant friend is he:

^c His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

² "Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender word I hear,
and resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path He leadeth
but one step I may see: (C)

³ Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free: (C)

Common Prayer

Holy Wisdom, come with your vast vision. Help us to sift through the rubble of our trying times to find the teachings that can guide our lives. You who see far beyond the devastation, lead us to believe that there might be gifts in what we want to toss away. We offer you our gratitude for all the disguised blessings that are ours. Amen

Children's Time

Pastor Jen Davidson

Scripture Lesson - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

¹ There's an opportune time to do things, a right time for everything on the earth:

²⁻⁸ A right time for birth and another for death,
A right time to plant and another to reap,
A right time to kill and another to heal,
A right time to destroy and another to construct,
A right time to cry and another to laugh,
A right time to lament and another to cheer,
A right time to make love and another to abstain,
A right time to embrace and another to part,
A right time to search and another to count your losses,
A right time to hold on and another to let go,
A right time to rip out and another to mend,
A right time to shut up and another to speak up,
A right time to love and another to hate,
A right time to wage war and another to make peace.

Matthew 2:13

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

Hymn**Be Still, My Soul**

UMH 534

¹ Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
 leave to your God to order and provide;
 in every change God faithful will remain.
 Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
 through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

² Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
 to guide the future, as in ages past.
 Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
 all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
 Be still, my soul: the waves the winds still know
 the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

³ Be still my soul: the hour is hastening on
 when we shall be forever with the Lord,
 when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
 sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
 all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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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¹ Be still and ² know
 that I am God.
 Be still and know that I am God.

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

Offertory**Pam McConnell**

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.

¹ Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadows of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

^R Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

² Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*R*)

³ Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*R*)

Benediction**Pastor Jen Davidson****Postlude****Pam McConnell*****The People of God Go Forth to Serve***

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