

Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

June 20, 2021 - 10:30 a.m. — Happy Father's Day!



Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

Welcome and Announcements

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

Another In The Fire

¹There's a grace when the heart is under fire.

Another way when the walls are closing in.

And when I look at the space between where I used to be and this reckoning,

I know I will never be alone.

^cThere was another in the fire, standing next to me.
There was another in the waters, holding back the seas.
And should I ever need reminding of how I've been set free,
there is a cross that bears the burden where another died for me.
There is another in the fire.

²All my debt left for dead beneath the water.
I'm no longer a slave to my sin anymore.
And should I fall in the space between what remains of me and this reckoning,
either way I won't bow to the things of this world.
And I know I will never be alone.

^{c2}There is another in the fire, standing next to me.
There is another in the waters, holding back the seas.
And should I ever need reminding what power set me free,
there is a grave that holds no body and now that power lives in me.
There is another in the fire. There is another in the fire, Oh.

^BAnd I see the light in the darkness as the darkness bows to Him.
I can hear the roar in the heavens as the space between wears thin
I can feel the ground shake beneath us as the prison walls cave in.
Nothing stands between us, nothing stands between us.

³There is no other name but the Name that is Jesus.
He who was and still is and will be through it all.
So come what may in the space between all the things unseen and this reckoning
I know I will never be alone.

^{c3}There is another in the fire, standing next to me.
There is another in the waters, holding back the seas.
And should I ever need reminding how good You've been to me,
I'll count the joy come every battle, 'cause I know that's where You'll be.
There is another in the fire.

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

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

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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

Alex Sommerfeld

Doxology

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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

Faithful God

¹ I am surrounded on every side, can't see the light of day.
But I am persuaded beyond all hope, You won't let go of me.
I stake my claim on every word You say. You will not be late.

^c I will sing through fire and thunder,
'cause You are on my side, I trust You with my life.
I know my story, it isn't over.
Even against all odds, You are a faithful God.
You're faithful God.

² The darkest of weather, though I can't see, I still believe You're good.
So I'm moving forward through crashing waves; I know I'm safe with You.
You hold my life, You hear my cry, with every breath inside. (C)

^B I am convinced that Your promises will hold together.
And I will dwell in the hope of Your love forever.
I am convinced that Your promises will hold together.
And I will dwell in Your love. (C)

Benediction

Pastor Jen Davidson

Postlude

Alex Sommerfeld

The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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