

Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

June 6, 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: God of great and God of small,

P: God of one and God of all,

L: God of weak and God of strong,

P: God to whom all things belong,

L: Alleluia!

P: Alleluia!

All: Praise be to your name!

Hymn

God of Wonders

¹ Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

^c God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy,
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

² Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

^B Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth (3x)

Common Prayer (*read responsively*)

L: O, our Mother Earth, blessed is your name.

P: Blessed are your fields and forests, your rocks and mountains, your grasses and trees and flowers, and every green and growing thing.

L: Blessed are your streams and lakes and rivers, the oceans where our life began, and all your waters that sustain our bodies and refresh our souls.

P: Blessed is the air we breathe, your atmosphere, that surrounds us and binds us to every living thing.

L: Blessed are all creatures who walk along your surface or swim in your waters or fly through your air, for they are all our relatives.

P: Blessed are all people who share this planet, for we are all one family, and the same spirit moves through us all.

L: Blessed is the sun, our day star, bringer of morning and the heat of summer, giver of light and life.

P: Blessed is the moon, our night lamp, ruler of the tides, protector of all women, and guardian of our dreams.

L: Blessed are the stars and planets, the time-keepers, who fill our nights with beauty and our hearts with awe.

All: O Great Spirit whose voice we hear in the wind and whose face we see in the morning sun, blessed is your name. Help us to remember that you are everywhere and teach us the way of peace.

Children's Time

Pastor Jen Davidson

Scripture Lesson - Genesis 1:29-31

Then God said, "I've given you
every sort of seed-bearing plant on Earth
And every kind of fruit-bearing tree,
given them to you for food.
To all animals and all birds,
everything that moves and breathes,
I give whatever grows out of the
ground for food."
And there it was.

God looked over everything that was made;
it was good, so very good!
It was evening, it was morning—
Day Six.

Psalm 46:8-10

⁸ Come, behold the works of God;
see what desolations God has brought on the earth.

⁹ God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear;
and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”

Hymn

For the Fruits of This Creation

UMH 97

¹ For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God;
for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth’s safe keeping, thanks be to God.

² In the just reward of labor, God’s will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor, God’s will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God’s will is done.

³ For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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

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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant Pastors: Mary Kay Totty & Jen Davidson

For Holy Communion, if at home, you may use whatever simple elements you have at hand --bread, crackers, pita, juice, water, wine. If you are at in person worship please follow the instructions given by the Pastor.

Prayers of the Great Thanksgiving (spoken responsively)

Our God is with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give our thanks to God.

**It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give our thanks to God.**

Heaven and earth sprang from your wisdom, O God, and you made us for your company.

**We turned away, and our love failed,
but you remained steadfast.**

You gave us room when we were in distress.

And so with all your people here, and all the company of heaven, we join in an unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
Hosanna in the highest!
Everything that springs from your wisdom is blessed!
Hosanna in the Highest!**

You lived among us as our teacher, held us, called us friends.

**You died and live again
to show us death is not the end.**

You took bread.

We remember.

You broke it.

We remember.

You shared it.

We ate. We remember.

You took the cup.

We remember.

You said, "Drink".

We remember.

You shared it.

We drank. We remember.

And so today, we feast again; our bread and wine are you.

You live among us still, whenever we remember you.

We offer ourselves now –

In praise and thanksgiving.

We offer ourselves now –

Holy and living.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Come Holy Spirit, on us gathered here.

Be among us as we share these gifts of bread and wine.

May they become for us the bread of life and the cup of grace

that we may become Christ's love in the world.

God-incarnate, God-Spirit, and God-Source of All Beginnings,

All glory and honor are yours, now and forever. AMEN!

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

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¹We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

^RAnd they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

²We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: ^(R)

³We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: ^(R)

⁴All praise to Creator, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: ^(R)

Benediction

Pastor Jen Davidson

Postlude

Pam McConnell

The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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