

Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

September 12, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.



Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

One Voice: Come, Holy One, into our world and into our lives again.

Many Voices: Come, Lord Jesus, when we least expect it, renew your call for us to say yes and follow you.

One Voice: Come, Lord Jesus, into our world and into our lives again.

Many Voices: Into the lives of the poor, bring hope; into the lives of the powerful, bring humility; into the lives of the weary, bring rest; into the lives of the busy, bring wisdom and peace.

One Voice: Come, Lord Jesus, into our world and into our lives again.

Many Voices: We say yes again, O Lord, and give ourselves to you. Bind us together in your service and mission to this world that you love. May others see your love and grace through our action in your name. Amen.

¹Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
God's banners fly o'er us; God's./ light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

²The law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

Common Prayer

Each of us has come forth from you, our Source of Generosity. Although distinct in our differences, we share oneness through you. In spite of this unity, a vast inequity exists among the human community. Aware of injustice and continued indifferences to human need, we pray to be generous with others in our acceptance of them and in sharing of both our spiritual and material resources. Amen.

Psalm 100

UMH 821, Response 1

R Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

R

1. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

2. Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

3. Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

We are the Lord's;

we are the people of God,

the sheep of God's pasture.

4. Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God's name!

5. For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures for ever;

God's faithfulness to all generations.

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Children's Time

Sue Dickinson

Bible Presentation to Confirmands

Rev. Mary Kay Totty
Pastor JoEllen Axthelm
Pastor Jen Davidson

Scripture Lessons

Deuteronomy 15:7-8

7If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tight fisted toward your poor brother. 8Rather be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs.

Matthew 6:19-21

19Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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 this 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 ills,
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.

Presentation

World Thank Offering

Maxine Moore

The Prayers of the People

Prayer Hymn

For the Fruits of This Creation

UMH 97

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS UMH 688

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 safekeeping, 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 wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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

Offertory

Alex Sommerfeld

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

We remember and give thanks for those who came before us. We are grateful for their generosity which enables us to gather for worship this day. Holy One, help each of us to be as generous as those who have gone before that we, too, might make a difference in this congregation and community. Amen.

Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH 664

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our every day life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

Benediction

Rev. Mary Kay Totty

Postlude

Alex Sommerfeld

The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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