

Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

January 16, 2022 - 8:00 a.m.



Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Deb Snell

Passing of the Peace

Hymn

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369, v.1 & refrain

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his love.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Call To Worship: (music continues)

L: "This is our story, this is our song, praising our savior, all the day long."

P: Tell us the stories of our faith. Tell us the stories of our congregation.

L: Listen for we have stories of mission and ministry, of hope and possibility.

P: Remind us of who we are and what we are up to in the world. Show us how we can make a difference!

Hymn

Blessed Assurance

UMH 369, v. 3 & refrain

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

Refrain:
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Common Prayer (in unison)

Most gracious and loving God, receive this day our gratitude for this congregation and for each one connected to Seward United Methodist Church. Guide our ministries that we might make disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond. Amen and amen.

Children's Time

Pastor JoEllen Axthelm

Scripture Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Hymn

We Are the Church

UMH 558, v. 1, 2, 4

1 The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people. (Refrain)

[Refrain:]

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

2 We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too,
from all times and places.
(Refrain)

4 And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying,
there's laughing and there's crying
sometimes, all of it saying:
(Refrain)

Ministries Presentation

Jack Broderick, Lynette Broderick,
Matt Hastings, Amy Miller, Susan Walsh

Order of Commissioning for Church Leaders:

Pastor: Standing before us today, are the people this congregation has chosen as leaders for 2022. We are grateful for their willingness to serve. You who have agreed to be leaders, do you agree to faithfully and humbly serve the people of Seward United Methodist Church doing your best, with Christ's help, in accord with your pastors, to uphold the responsibilities and duties thereof?"

Leaders: "We do."

The pastor asks the congregation: "Do you agree to faithfully support these persons in our ministries, to pray for them and uphold them in their responsibilities, with Christ's help?"

Congregation: "We do."

Pastor: We commission you in the name of Jesus, to serve Jesus Christ as leader of Seward United Methodist Church. Amen.

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

Jesus, United by Thy Grace

UMH 561, v. 1, 2, 4

1. Jesus, united by thy grace
and each to each endeared,
with confidence we seek thy face
and know our prayer is heard.

2. Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's cross to bear;
let all their friendly aid afford,
and feel each other's care.

4. Touched by the lodestone of thy love,
let all our hearts agree,
and ever toward each other move,
and ever move toward thee.

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

Offertory

Deb Snell

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!
Praise the Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, we are grateful for all the ways you are at work in the world. Receive the offerings we bring this day and put them to work for good in our community and world. Help us to continually be good

stewards of all you entrust to our care. Amen.

Hymn

Go Make a Difference

Chorus

Go make a difference
We can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world
Go make a difference
We can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world

Verse 1

We are the salt of the earth
Called to let the people see
The love of God in you and me
We are the light of the world
Not to be hidden but be seen
Go make a difference in the world

Verse 2

We are the hands of Christ
Reaching out to those in need
The face of God for all to see
We are the spirit of hope
We are the voice of peace
Go make a difference in the world

Verse 3

So let your love shine on
Let it shine for all to see
Go make a difference in the world
And the Spirit of Christ
Will be with us as we go
Go make a difference in the world

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Benediction

Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty

Postlude

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The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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