

Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

April 24, 2022 - 8:00 a.m.



Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Dylan Teut

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship:

L: In the midst of all the voices calling to us, do you hear God's voice?

P: It is difficult sometimes to tune out the world and focus on God.

L: God calls us -- one and all -- to follow Jesus, to love our neighbor, to trust God.

P: When we pause, when we are even a little bit mindful, we become aware of God, lingering near, calling us to follow.

L: We have decided to follow Jesus and we will listen for God to guide our feet.

Hymn

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Common Prayer

Holy God, we thank you for the students who are confirmed at our church this day. We thank you for their commitment to follow you. May their example be inspiration for us all to be followers of Jesus who love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

Children's Time

Pastor JoEllen Axthelm

Scripture Lesson John 21: 14-17

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Jesus; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time Jesus said to Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Jesus; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ Jesus said to Peter the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Jesus, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

Hymn

Here I am Lord

UMH 593

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? [R]

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? [R]

Refrain

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Sermon

Feeding and Following

Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty

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.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.

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

Offertory**Dylan Teut****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 Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community, help us nurture caring relationships with our neighbors, and do our part to liberate all who are experiencing oppression, we dedicate these gifts. Let this offering, and the works of our hands and feet, be the resurrection we need to see in the world. Amen.

Confirmation Students:

Alaina Bartels	daughter of Trent and April Bartels
Blair Briggs	daughter of Dan and Nicole Briggs
Karsyn Fields	daughter of Josh and Jamie Fields
Cooper Hill	son of Chad and Kiersten Hill
Skylar Mayfield	daughter of Derry and Shannon Mayfield
Kathryn Naber	daughter of John and Krystal Naber
Kyle Riley	son of Todd and Susan Riley
Avery Rodocker	daughter of Tony and Sarah Rodocker
Kayson Salyer	son of Justin and Tammy Salyer

[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!

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)

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

3 Sometimes the church is marching,
sometimes it's bravely burning,
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding,
always it's learning.
(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)

5 At Pentecost some people
received the Holy Spirit
and told the Good News through the world
to all who would hear it.
(Refrain)

Benediction**Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty****Postlude****Dylan Teut*****The People of God Go Forth to Serve***

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