

# Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

*April 24, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.*



Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

## Welcome and Announcements

### 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

### No Turning Back

#### Verse 1

I have decided I called out His name  
I'm following Jesus now and He knows the way

#### Pre-Chorus

I've made up my mind I'll leave it behind

#### Verse 2

Though I may wander I am not lost  
So many distractions but I look to the cross (C)

#### Chorus

No turning back no turning back  
I'm moving on not looking back  
I'm giving Him all that I have  
No turning back no turning back

## Bridge

Do you wanna come with me  
He loves you the same  
Oh Won't you come with me  
Just call out His name

## Bridge

I have decided (I have decided)  
To follow Jesus (to follow Jesus)  
I have decided (I have decided)  
I'm following Jesus following Jesus (C)

## Ending

No turning back x 5  
I have decided

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## 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**

## Baptism - Kinley Venekamp

**Parents: J.R. and Lindsey Venekamp**

## Hymn

**God Claims You**

**TFWS 2249**

[R] Kinley, Kinley, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

1. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be.
2. We your family love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.
3. We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way.

## Scripture Lesson John 21: 14-17

<sup>15</sup> 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." <sup>16</sup> 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." <sup>17</sup> 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."

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, any time!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2. I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, any time!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, any time!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, any time!

4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, any time!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, any time!

**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.

**Prayer Hymn****Now Praise the Hidden God of Love**

1. Now praise the hidden God of love,  
in whom we all must live and move,  
who shepherds us at every stage,  
through youth, maturity, and age:

2. Who challenged us, when were were young,  
to storm the citadels of wrong;  
in care of others taught us how  
God's true community must grow:

3. Who bids us never lose our zest,  
though age is urging us to rest,  
but proves to us that we have still  
a work to do, a place to fill.

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

**Offertory****Megan Forbes****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.

## 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

**Megan Forbes**

### **The People of God Go Forth to Serve**

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