

Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

June 26, 2022 - 9:15 a.m.



Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

L: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

P: We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.

L: We are here because we want to be God's people.

P: We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.

L: We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

P: Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit, and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Christ. Amen.

(from "Bread for the Journey" p.51)

1. Spirit of God, bright Wind,
 breath that bids life begin,
 blow as you always do;
 create us a new.
 Give us the breath to sing,
 lifted on soaring wing,
 held in your hands,
 borne on your wings. (R)

2. Spirit of God, Bright Dove,
 grant us your peace and love,
 healing upon your wings
 for all living things.
 For when we live your peace,
 captive will find release,
 held in our hands,
 borne on your wings. (R)

Refrain

Alleluia! Come Spirit, come!
 Alleluia! Come Spirit come!

3. Spirit of God, bright Hands,
 even in far off lands you
 hold all the human race
 in one warm embrace.
 No matter where we go, you
 hold us together so,
 held in your hands,
 borne on your wings. (R)

4. Spirit of God, bright Flame, send
 us in your holy name, the
 power to heal, to share
 your love everywhere.
 We cannot fail or fall,
 or know defeat at all,
 held in our hands,
 borne on your wings. (R)

5. Spirit of God in all,
 we gladly hear your call, the
 life in our hands that sings,
 the power of your wings.
 Born of your grace we rise,
 love shining in our eyes,
 held in your hands,
 borne on your wings. (R)

Common Prayer

O God of love, you have called us into the church. We thank you for opportunities to grow in understanding and concern for one another. May our congregation be an incarnation of your love within and beyond these church doors, wherever there is loneliness, injustice, or misunderstanding; through Christ our Savior and the Holy Spirit our Strength. Amen. (from "Bread for the Journey" p.63)

Children's Time**Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty****Scripture Lesson John 15:1-5**

¹ "I am the true vine, and God is the vinegrower. ² God removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit God prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you

are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

Hymn

O Blessed Spring

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1. O Blessed spring,
where Word and sign
embrace us in
to Christ the Vine:
here Christ enjoins
each one to be
A branch of this
life giving Tree.

2. Through summer heat
and youthful years,
uncertain faith,
rebellious tears,
sustained by Christ's
infusing rain,
the boughs will shout
for joy again.

3. When autumn cools
And youth is cold
when limbs their heavy
harvest hold,
then through us warm,
the Christ will move
with gifts of beauty,
wisdom, love.

4. As winter comes,
as winters must,
we breathe our last,
return to dust;
still held in Christ,
our souls take wing
and trust the promise
of the spring.

5. Christ, holy Vine,
Christ, living Tree,
be praised for this
blest mystery:
that Word and water
thus revive
and join us to
your Tree of Life,

Report from Annual Conference

Report from the Pine Ridge Mission Trip

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

Abide With Me

UMH 700, v. 3

3. I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

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

Offertory

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Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

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 (C)

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 (C)

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 (C)

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Benediction

Reve. Dr. Mary Kay Totty

Postlude

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The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.
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