

# Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

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Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Alex Sommerfeld

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

L: Come, sing a new song of worship.

**P: Come, sing a new song of praise.**

L: Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

**P: With joy we celebrate Pentecost.**

L: Pentecost – a day when power and comfort flowed.

**P: Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration.**

L: A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory

**P: and the glory was given to the people.**

L: The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us.

Sing praises!

**P: We sing praises, indeed!**

—posted by AnnMarie Kneebone on her website. <http://annmariekneebone.blogspot.com/>

## Hymn

## Open The Eyes of My Heart

### Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart God  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

### Verse

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

### Bridge

Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You

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## Common Prayer

Holy One,  
For all of the ways you speak to us –  
in rushing wind,  
in dancing flames,  
in words we understand,  
and in all that transcends language,  
we give thanks.  
Give us courage to speak your love,  
everywhere we go,  
to everyone we meet.

Amen.

Written by Joanna Harader, posted on Practicing Families. <http://practicingfamilies.com/>. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/06/intergenerational-prayer-for-pentecost.html>

## Children's Time

**Pastor JoEllen Axthelm**

## Scripture Lessons

### Acts 2: 1-4; 14-21; 44-47

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.  
<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of God's great and glorious day.  
<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of God shall be saved.'

<sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day God added to their number those who were being saved.

### **Ephesians 2: 19-22**

<sup>19</sup> So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; <sup>21</sup> in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in God, <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

### **Hymn**

### **Firm Foundation (He Won't)**

#### Verse 1

Christ is my firm foundation  
The rock on which I stand  
When everything around me is shaken  
I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus  
'Cause He's never let me down  
He's faithful through generations  
So why would He fail now

#### Verse 2

I've still got joy in chaos  
I've got peace that makes no sense  
So I won't be going under  
I'm not held by my own strength  
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus  
He's never let me down  
He's faithful in every season  
So why would He fail now

#### Chorus 1

He won't

#### Chorus 2

He won't He won't  
He won't fail  
He won't fail

Bridge  
Rain came and wind blew  
But my house was built on You  
I'm safe with You  
I'm going to make it through  
(REPEAT)

Vamp  
Yeah I'm going to make it through  
'Cause I'm standing strong on You  
Yeah I'm going to make it through  
'Cause my house is built on You (Verse 1, Chorus 3)

Chorus 3  
He won't He won't  
He won't fail  
He won't fail no He won't

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## **Sermon**

## **“Where The Spirit Leads”**

**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**

## **Spirit of the Living God**

**UMH 393**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Sprit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

## **Offertory**

**Alex Sommerfeld**

## **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.

## **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Celebrant Pastors: Nancy Tomlinson, District Superintendent and JoEllen Axthelm

*For Holy Communion, if at home, you may use whatever simple elements you have at hand — bread, crackers, pita, juice, water, wine. If you are at in person worship please follow the instructions given by the Pastor.*

Prayers of the Great Thanksgiving (spoken responsively)

### **Great Thanksgiving**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters.  
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.  
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.  
Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers,  
anointing them to speak your Word.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
At his baptism in the river Jordan your Spirit descended upon him  
and declared him your beloved Son.  
With your Spirit upon him he turned away the temptations of sin.  
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
and to announce that the time had come  
when you would save your people.  
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,  
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.  
When Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,  
baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost.



**R** This is your body we come to receive.  
This is the promise we've come to believe.  
We are one body in spirit and truth.  
We give our lives in remembrance of you.

<sup>3</sup> We remember the night of agony  
That led the King to Calvary.  
Oh, the pain you endured, your love to prove.  
We take this give in remembrance of you. (*R*)

<sup>4</sup> We remember the day love moved the stone  
To make the pow'r of heaven known  
And to welcome us all to live in you.  
We come to the feast in remembrance of you. (*R*)

## **Hymn**

## **We Are Building**

**TFWS 2235-b**

We are building in the light of God,

we are building in the light of God.

We are building . . . Ooo we are building in light of God.

We are building . . . Ooo we are building in light of God.

## **Benediction**

**Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty**

## **Postlude**

**Alex Sommerfeld**

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

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