

Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

July 10, 2022 - 9:15 a.m.



Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Pam McConnell

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, come whoever you are and find welcome here.

People: Some of us are sad, others are anxious, some grieve, some despair.

Leader: Bring your laments, bring your worries, there is room for all that you are here in this place.

People: We look for inspiration and hope.

Leader: Together we will hear the good news in word and song: "It's been a long hard fight, but I see a brand new day a-dawning."

People: Yes, sorrow may linger for the night but joy comes with the morning.

(MKT 2022, quoting Dolly Parton and Psalm 30)

Hymn

Trading My Sorrows

Chorus

I'm trading my sorrows

I'm trading my shame

I'm laying them down

For the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

Vamp

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord amen

Verse

I am pressed but not crushed
Persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse
For God's promise will endure
That God's joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night
God's joy comes with the morning

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Common Prayer

Steadfast, Abiding One, reassure us in our difficult times. Receive our laments and make us aware of your presence. Then fill us with your hope that we might face the days ahead encouraged by our faith. Amen. (MKT, 2022)

Children's Time

Pastor JoEllen Axthelm

Baptism

Larsyn Kitten

Hymn

God Claims You

TFWS 2249

(R) Larsyn, Larsyn 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 Lessons - Psalm 30

¹ I will extol you, O God, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me. ² O my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. ³ O God, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. ⁴ Sing praises to God, O you God's faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name. ⁵ For God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. ⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." ⁷ By your favor, O God, you had established me as a strong

mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. ⁸ To you, O God, I cried, and to you I made supplication: ⁹ “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? ¹⁰ Hear, O God, and be gracious to me! O God be my helper!” ¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, ¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Hymn

Hymn Of Promise

UMH 707

1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Sermon

“Light of a Clear Blue Morning”

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

Joy Comes with the Dawn

TFWS 2210, v. 1 & 3

Refrain

Joy comes with the dawn;
joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb
and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.

Verse 1

Weeping may come;
weeping may come in the night,
when dark shadows
cloud our sight.

Verse 3

We will rejoice,
we will rejoice, and give praise,
to the one
who brings us grace.

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

Offertory

Pam McConnell

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

Thank you, O God, for all that you have entrusted to us. Make us good stewards of our time, talents, and treasure that we might be generous in sharing all that we are and have. In Jesus' name. Amen.

(MKT, 2022)

Hymn

Joy in the Morning

TFWS 2284

1. There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.

2. There'll be peace and contentment evermore,
There'll be peace and contentment evermore,
Every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice,
There'll be peace and contentment evermore.

3. There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
And the way of the Lord will that day be restored,
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty

Postlude

Pam McConnell

The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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