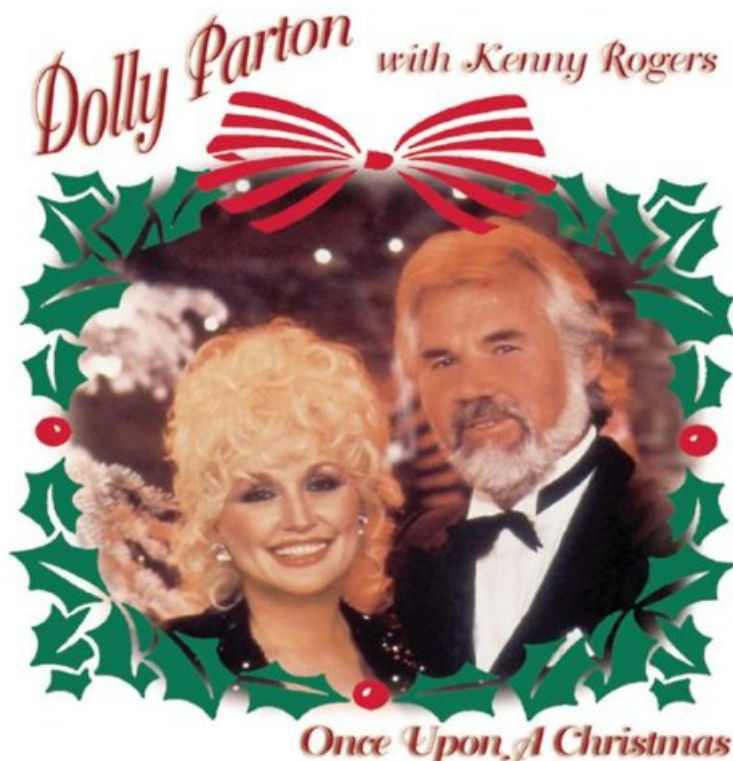


# Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

July 17, 2022 - 9:15 a.m.



Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**

**Once Upon a Christmas**

**Sarah & Avery Rodocker**

**Passing the Peace**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Welcome, gather in, and hear, out of season, the good news of our savior's birth.

**People: We will open our hearts and minds to receive the story anew.**

Leader: Let us recognize that God's good gift of incarnation brings a timeless message too important to get lost in holiday activities.

**People: We long for a deeper understanding.** (MKT 2022)

**Hymn**

**Glory (Let There Be Peace)**

Verse 1

One star

Burns in the darkness

Shines with the promise Emmanuel

One child

Born in the stillness

Living within us Emmanuel

## Chorus

We're singing Glory Glory  
Let there be peace let there be peace  
Singing Glory Glory  
Let there be peace let it start in me

## Verse 2

One voice  
Speaks for the voiceless  
Hope for the hopeless Emmanuel  
One love  
Brings us together  
Now and forever Emmanuel

## Bridge

Do not be afraid  
God's love is strong enough to save us  
Nothing stands in the way  
God's love is strong enough to lead us  
(REPEAT)

## Ending

Let there be peace let it start in me

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## Common Prayer:

God of Starlight and Manger, thank you for Jesus of Nazareth, the incarnation of your love. Grant that this familiar story touch our hearts anew this day. Draw us closer to you, and closer to one another that we might ever more faithfully follow Jesus. Amen. *(MKT 2022)*

## Children's Time

**Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty**

## Scripture Lesson Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

<sup>8</sup> Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of God stood before them, and the glory of God shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the

Messiah. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom God favors!”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which God has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, <sup>19</sup> and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them

## Hymn

## Christmas Carol Mashup

### O Come All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

### Good Christian Friends Rejoice

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice,  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
News, news!  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
and ye are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this,  
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
News, news!  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall  
Christ was born to save,  
Christ was born to save! (Refrain)

### Angels We Have Heard on High

1 Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

4 See him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise. (Refrain)

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,

risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new born King!"

**Sermon**

**"Once Upon a Christmas"**

**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**

### **Make Room**

Verse 1

A family hiding from the storm  
Found no place at the keeper's door  
It was for this a child was born  
To save a world so cold and hollow

Chorus 1

Is there room in your heart  
Is there room in your heart  
Is there room in your heart  
For God to write His story

Chorus 2

You can come as you are  
It may set you apart  
When you make room in your heart  
And trade your dreams for His glory  
Make room in your heart  
Make room in your heart

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

### **Offertory**

**Sarah Rodocker**

### **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 to the World

UMH 246

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns  
Let all their songs employ  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

## Benediction

**Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty**

## Postlude

**Sarah Rodocker**

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

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