

Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

July 24, 2022 - 9:15 a.m.



Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Gods Coloring Book”

Duff Campbell

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to worship each and everyone of us, just as we are.

People: We come in all our similarity and all our diversity.

Leader: Look around, see the faces near you. All are beautiful. All are made in God’s image.

People: We remember that all people are God’s beloved children. (MKT 2022)

Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH 92

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony

Linking sense to sound and sight: (Refrain)

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

Common Prayer:

God of Red, Blue, Yellow and all the colors in between, we thank you for the beauty and wonder of creation. Slow us down enough that we might observe the world around us and catch glimpses of your fingerprints throughout creation. Help us to care for one another and all of creation. Amen. (MKT 2022)

Children's Time

Pastor JoEllen Axthelm

Scripture Lesson Psalm 104:1-23

- ¹ Bless our God, O my soul.
O my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honor and majesty,
² wrapped in light as with a garment.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent;
³ you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind;
⁴ you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.
- ⁵ You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.
⁶ You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.
⁷ At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
⁸ They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valley,
to the place that you appointed for them.
⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.
- ¹⁰ You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,
¹¹ giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.
¹² By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.
¹³ From the lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.
- ¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the cattle
and plants for people to cultivate,
to bring forth food from the earth
¹⁵ and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine

and bread to strengthen the human heart.
16 The trees of the field are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
17 In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.
18 The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.
19 You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.
20 You make darkness, and it is night,
When all the animals of the forest come creeping out.
21 The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.
22 When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.
23 People go out to their work
and to their labor until the evening.

Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

UMH 147

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

2. The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky. (Refrain)

3. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one. (Refrain)

4. God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. (Refrain)

Sermon

“God’s Coloring Book”

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

Change My Heart, O God

TFWS 2152

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

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

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

Let All Things Now Living

TFWS 2008

¹Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

²The law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty

Postlude

Alex Sommerfeld

The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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