

Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

August 7, 2022 - 9:15 a.m.



Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Halos and Horns

Megan Forbes

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Leader: Come and worship! Come and find unity together.

People: We seek to remember that unity is not uniformity, that diversity is a gift.

Leader: We may not all think alike, but our hearts may all love alike.

People: So let us join hands to work together to make a difference for good. (MKT 2022)

Hymn

“We Are the Church”

UMH 558, stanzas 1, 2, & 4

[Refrain:]

I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

1 The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people.

(Refrain)

2 We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too,
from all times and places.

(Refrain)

4 And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying,
there's laughing and there's crying
sometimes, all of it saying:
(Refrain)

Common Prayer:

God of All People, we pray for a way to move beyond distrust and prejudice. Help us to find places of common purpose and shared values. Teach us not only to love one another, but also to like one another even in our differences. Show us ways to work together for the common good of our country and world. Amen.

Children's Time

Pastor JoEllen Axthelm

Scripture Lessons Psalm 133 and II Kings 10:15-16

Psalm 133

¹ How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! ² It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. ³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there God ordained this blessing, life forevermore.

II Kings 10:15-16

¹⁵ When he left there, Jehu met Jehonadab son of Rechab coming to meet him; he greeted him and said to him, "Is your heart as true to mine as mine is to yours?" Jehonadab answered, "It is." Jehu said, "If it is, give me your hand." So he gave him his hand. Jehu took him up with him into the chariot. ¹⁶ He said, "Come with me and see my zeal for God." So he had him ride in his chariot.

Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other

UMH 560

1 Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

3 Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

4 Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

Sermon

“Halos and Horns”

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

The Servant Song

TFWS 2222

¹ Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

² We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on this road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

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)

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant Pastors: Mary Kay Totty 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. The bread used for communion is gluten free. Everyone here is invited to partake of both bread and cup. If you prefer to be served in your seat rather than coming forward to receive, please let the ushers know.

Prayers of the Great Thanksgiving (spoken responsively)

Our God is with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give our thanks to God.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give our thanks to God.

Heaven and earth sprang from your wisdom, O God, and you made us for your company.

**We turned away, and our love failed,
but you remained steadfast.**

You gave us room when we were in distress.

And so with all your people here, and all the company of heaven, we join in an unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
Hosanna in the highest!
Everything that springs from your wisdom is blessed!
Hosanna in the Highest!**

You lived among us as our teacher, held us, called us friends.

**You died and live again
to show us death is not the end.**

You took bread.

We remember.

You broke it.

We remember,

You shared it.

We ate. We remember.

You took the cup.

We remember.

You said "Drink".

We remember.

You shared it.

We drank. We remember.

And so today, we feast again; our bread and wine are you.

You live among us still, whenever we remember you.

We offer ourselves now —

In praise and thanksgiving.

We offer ourselves now —

Holy and living.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Come Holy Spirit, on us gathered here.

Be among us as we share these gifts of bread and wine.

May they become for us the bread of life and the cup of grace

that we may become Christ's love in the world.

God-incarnate, God-Spirit, and God-Source of All Beginnings,

All glory and honor are yours, now and forever. AMEN!

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Hymn

God, With Joy We Look Around Us

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2000

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7 ("Angels, from the Realms of Glory")

God, with joy we look around us

At your world's diversity.

Folk of every kind surround us

And you call your church to see:

All are made in your own image!

All are people whom you love!

In the times we've hurt each other,
Lord, we've hurt the ones you bless.
Hating sister, cursing brother,
We've denied what you express:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!

God, you sent a Savior to us,
Breaking walls that would divide.
By your Spirit, now work through us
As we witness side by side:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty

Postlude

Pam McConnell

The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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