

Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

October 16, 2022



Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Alex Sommerfeld

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Leader: Laity Sunday celebrates the ministry of all Christians to love God and neighbor.

People: As we, the people, grow in grace to become caring disciples in community, we gather with others.

L: We strive to daily connect everyone, everywhere, to God's love in Jesus Christ.

P: Emboldened by the Holy Spirit, on this Laity Sunday, we lift up the work of laity as we follow the way of our friend, Jesus, to lead everyone, everywhere to the Kin-dom of God.

L: Cooperatively with the clergy, we rediscover practices of togetherness

All: That reveal God's presence in our lives and confront the challenges of this world.

Hymn

May the People Praise You

Verse 1

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ

Verse 2

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

Chorus

May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

Verse 3

All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known

Verse 5

This our priv'lege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation tribe and tongue
Your church proclaim

Verse 4

May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word (C)

Bridge

Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name

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Common Prayer

Creative God, may we be a reflection of your love in the world. Give us courage to join in your works of love, justice, and mercy. Open our eyes to see people as you see people. Even when we doubt and question how things will work out, help us to trust that You care for us and will provide for our needs. Amen.

Children's Time

Cindy Butzke

Scripture: Romans 12:4-18

⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all.

Hymn

We Are One in Christ Jesus

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We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body,
All one spirit, all together.
We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body,
All one spirit, all together.

We share one God, one mighty Lord,
One abiding faith, one binding love,
One single baptism, one Holy Comforter, the Holy Spirit, uniting all.

Sermon

“Three Things”

**Alaina Bartels, Carole Briggs,
Xander Faulk, Pete Wegman
Moderated by Lynette Broderick**

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

Glorify Thy Name

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¹Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
Glorify thy name in all the earth

²Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
Glorify thy name in all the earth

³Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
Glorify thy name in all the earth

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

Stewardship Moment

Megan Forbes

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

God of Abundance and Grace, you have blessed us that we might be a blessing. Receive the offerings given this week, whether given in person, online, by mail, or however and grant that these offerings be faithfully used for the ministries and witness of this congregation. Amen.

Hymn

Go Make a Difference

Chorus

Go make a difference
We can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world
Go make a difference
We can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world

Verse 2

We are the hands of Christ
Reaching out to those in need
The face of God for all to see
We are the spirit of hope
We are the voice of peace
Go make a difference in the world

Verse 1

We are the salt of the earth
Called to let the people see
The love of God in you and me
We are the light of the world
Not to be hidden but be seen
Go make a difference in the world

Verse 3

So let your love shine on
Let it shine for all to see
Go make a difference in the world
And the Spirit of Christ
Will be with us as we go
Will be with us as we go

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Benediction

Pastor JoEllen Axthelm

Postlude

Alex Sommerfeld

The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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The Seward United Methodist Church, 141. Rejoice, ye pure in heart;

rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

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