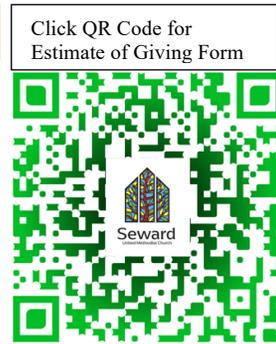


Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

October 23, 2022



Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Chancel Choir

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship (from the United Church of Canada)

Leader: We gather today, proclaiming God's love and seeking God's blessing.

People: God loves us with an immeasurable love. God is with us always, even when we are unaware, even when we feel lost or alone.

L: In gratitude we come, proclaiming our thanksgiving and seeking to live out our love.

P: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

L: Thanks be to God. Let us worship God.

Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

UMH 694

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Our Common Prayer (from the United Church of Canada)

Generous God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we lift our voices today to express our thanks and praise. For health and strength, for family and friends, for our homes and this church community, and for your abiding and life-giving presence, we say thank you. For your love, which knows no bounds, and for empowering us to share your love with others, we sing your praise. Make us deeply aware of your presence today as we gather together to worship, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Time

JoEllen Axthelm

Reception of New Members

Tanner & Hannah Weisgerber

Scripture

II Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

“God scatters abroad; God gives to the poor;
God's righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ God who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that has been given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

Hymn

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

1 Awake, awake to love and work!
The lark is in the sky;
The fields are wet with diamond dew;
The worlds awake to cry
Their blessings on the Lord of life,
As He goes meekly by.

2 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs,
Shout with their shout of praise;
See how the giant sun soars up,
Great lord of years and days!
So let the love of Jesus come
And set thy soul ablaze.

3 To give and give, and give again,
What God hath given thee;
To spend thyself nor count the cost;
To serve right gloriously
The God who gave all worlds that are,
And all that are to be.

Sermon

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

For the Fruits of This Creation

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2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

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

Offertory

Deb Snell

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

Holy God, you call us to follow Jesus and to use our lives to share your love and grace. Empower us to be generous with our time, talent, and treasure in order to make a difference in our church, community, and world. Amen.

Hymn

Bless Thou the Gifts

UMH 587

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;
bless thou the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
the rest, O God, is in thy hand.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty

Postlude

Deb Snell

The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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