

Welcome to Seward United Methodist Church

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Making disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Megan Forbes

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship (from *“Flames of the Spirit”*, ed. Ruth Duck, p.59)

L: We gather today, seeking the peace Christ gives.

P: **We gather, in spite of many a conflict, many a doubt, within our souls.**

L: We gather, longing for the breath of God’s Spirit to give us courage and renewal.

P: **Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest. Bless us through the power of your Spirit, and give us courage to live as your disciples day by day. Amen.**

Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

2. Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come
be thou our guide while life shall last
and our eternal home.

Common Prayer (in unison) (from *“Flames of the Spirit”*, ed. Ruth Duck, pp. 83-84)

Holy Comforter, be with us in those seasons when we wander from the path of joy into the winter of our spiritual life. Be our light when we experience a time of trial or tribulation, a time of loneliness or despair, a time of question or doubt. May the pathways of Christ reopen avenues for new life and celebration. Amen.

Scripture: I Corinthians 10:13

“No temptation has seized you that isn’t common for people. But God is faithful. God won’t allow you to be tempted beyond your abilities. Instead, with the temptation, God will also supply a way out so that you will be able to endure it.”

Psalm 46:1-2

“God is our refuge and strength, a help always near in times of great trouble. That’s why we won’t be afraid when the world falls apart.”

Hymn

I Need Thee Every Hour

UMH 397

1. I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

2. I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. (R)

4. I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;
and thy rich promises in me fulfill. (R)

5. I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. (R)

Sermon Things the Bible Doesn't Say: God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle”

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

Abide With Me

UMH 700

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

3. I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

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

Offertory

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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 (from *“Flames of the Spirit”*, ed. Ruth Duck, p.90)

Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully your own loyal community. Amen.

Hymn

The Lily of the Valley

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¹I have found a friend in Jesus, he’s everything to me,
He’s the fairest of ten thousand to my soul;
The Lily of the Valley, in him alone I see
All I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.
In sorrow he’s my comfort, in trouble he’s my stay,
He tells me every care on him to roll.
He’s the Lily of the Valley the Bright and Morning Star,
He’s the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

²He all my grief has taken, and all my sorrow borne;
In temptation he’s my strong and mighty tower;
I have all for him forsaken, and all my idols torn
From my heart, and now he keeps me by his power.
Though all the world forsake me, and Satan tempts me sore,
Through Jesus I shall safely reach the goal.
He’s the Lily of the Valley, the bright and Morning Star,
He’s the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

³He will never, never leave me, nor yet forsake me here,
While I live by faith and do his blessed will;
A wall of fire about me, I’ve nothing now to fear,
With his manna he my hungry soul shall fill.
Then sweeping up to glory, to see his blessed face,
Where rivers of delight shall ever roll.
He’s the Lily of the Valley, the bright and Morning Star,
He’s the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty

Postlude

Megan Forbes

The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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