



Holy Hygge Worship
Seward United Methodist Church
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Introduction:

Seward UMC will have a winter worship series entitled “Holy Hygge.” Hygge (pronounced HYOO-guh) is a Danish word which means cozy contentment, comfort & well-being. Holy Hygge is the comfort and reassurance we find in faith through our relationship with God, through words of scripture, through church rituals. This series will delve into scripture texts which offer comfort. Fuzzy socks, warm sweaters, and soft blankets are all welcome at worship!

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Alex Sommerfeld

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

L: From the chill of winter weather, we seek light and warmth.

P: From the starkness of life today, we seek comfort and reassurance.

L: The God of the cosmos is also the God of this very moment and dwells closer to us than our own breath.

P: God’s steadfast, abiding love brings comfort and light.

L: Thanks be to God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Hallelujah

WS 3027

¹ Your love is amazing
Steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain
Firm beneath my feet
Your love is a myst'ry
How You gently lift me
When I am surrounded
Your love carries me (C)

² Your love is surprising
I can feel it rising
All the joy that's growing
Deep inside of me
Ev'ry time I see You
All Your goodness shines through
I can feel this God song
Rising up in me (C)

Chorus

Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
Your love makes me sing

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Common Prayer (adapted from St. Patrick)

May our days be many and our troubles be few.

May all God's blessings descend upon us.

May peace be within us, may our hearts be strong.

May we find what we're seeking wherever we roam.

May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us.

May thy Salvation, O God, be always ours this day and for evermore.

Amen.

Children's Time

Pastor Jo Ellen Axthelm

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 40: 28-31 (NRSVUE)

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

God is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

God does not faint or grow weary;

God's understanding is unsearchable

God gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted,

but those who wait for God shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary;

they shall walk and not faint.

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.

4. A thousand ages, in thy sight,
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

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.

Sermon

"The Eagles Soar"

Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty

Scriptural Affirmation of Faith

from the UMH 887

L: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress,

or persecution or famine,

or nakedness or peril or sword?

P: No!

**In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Prayer Hymn

Breathe

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Verse

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

Chorus

And I I'm desperate for You
And I I'm lost without You

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Sharing Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory
Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to offer to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice for you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Verse

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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