

Aldersgate United Methodist Church



**January 24, 2021
9:30 a.m.**

Prayer for Christian Unity

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Pastor: Joseph Rafique
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Custodian: Scott Hoyt

*Worshippers are welcomed to use their own terminology for God.
If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*

Order of Worship

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Prelude

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” — folk tune from India

Welcome (*Julie*)

Call to Worship (*John*)

PASTOR: Trust in God!

ALL: **God will give us the challenging task, but also the strength to get it done.**

PASTOR: Trust in God!

ALL: **God will call us to discipleship, and give us the insight to work out our following of Jesus.**

PASTOR: Trust in God!

ALL: **God will show us our role within the faith community, and sensitivity to the needs of those beside us.**

PASTOR: Trust in God!

ALL: **God will love us “through all the changing scenes of life,” and will be there at life’s end, to welcome us home. Amen.**

Opening Prayer (*John*)

God who calls, we gather together and wonder what it sounds like, what it feels like, what will occur when you call us. We have set aside this precious time to ponder the question of who we are when you are with us, and who you are when we are with you. Call to us and awaken us to your invitation. Amen.

Hymn #578 (red, vs. 1-2, 4)

“God of Love and God of Power”

God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

2. We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

4. God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

WORDS: Gerald H. Kennedy, ca. 1939

MUSIC: Joachim Neander, 1680

Prayer of Confession and Words of Affirmation (*John*)

PASTOR: When we hear God calling us onward, sometimes it can be hard to leave things behind; such things as hurts and grief, disappointment or success, material possessions, family, friends. We acknowledge that for some of us gathered here, there might be things we need to leave behind so we can move forward into God’s future. For some of us, the concern on our heart might be those things our church, our community, and our world need to leave behind to move forward. As Jesus called the fishers to leave behind their nets and boats and way of life to follow and learn from him, so we are invited to discern the things we might leave behind.

God has called us. God is calling us. We come through the holy mystery and know ourselves as forgiven to forgive.

ALL: **May we hear God’s voice when we listen to one another, may we be God’s voice when we speak to one another. Amen.**

Prayers of the People, for Healing and Hope and Lord's Prayer #895 (red) (John)

PASTOR: Gracious God, we learn of you from one another. We humbly speak the names of those who have taught us of your love and ask that you bless and keep them. (pause)

We discover you when you call us by name. We speak our names aloud and remember that you know each of us and call each of us by name. (pause)

We trust that you know the truth and will share it with us so that we may be honest and courageous always. This is why we want to share aloud one thing we know to be good about the world in which we live. (pause)

We hope in your care for all that concerns us. We name aloud the circumstances that cause pain, death, danger, and frustration in the lives of our neighbors and all of creation. (pause)

We entrust all of the people, places and things we have named into your care. Amen.

Now, let us wrap our prayers in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples:

ALL: **Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

God's Word Proclaimed (Joseph)

Mark 1:14-20

Good News for Kids (Joseph)

Sermon (Pam)

"Answering the Call"

Prayer (Pam)

God who calls us by name, shouting truth in the streets, we dedicate a gift of gratitude to you for your use. We have toiled and felt the weight of futility. So, we come now in earnest hope and faith to offer what we have, do what we can, and let go of the outcome. Amen.

Hymn #2130 (black, vs. 1-2, 5)

"The Summons"

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

WORDS: John Bell © 1987

MUSIC: Traditional Scottish tune; arr. by John Bell © 1995 WGRG The Iona Community (Scotland), admin. by GIA Publications, Inc.



Prayer for Coronavirus Victims and Those Attending Them (*Joseph*)

Commissioning and Blessing (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: And now we share in a common practice of blessing one another.

We may fail; God does not. We may end; God does not. Bless and be blessed.
Go in the strength of God to glorify Him. Amen.

ALL: **We may fail; God does not. We may end; God does not. Bless and be blessed.
Go in the strength of God to glorify Him. Amen.**

Postlude

“Hymn to Joy” — Beethoven/arr. J. Cotter



Announcements

Today, January 24, 2021

9:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School “Scripture in Public”— zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88069175128?pwd=Sm85R3VWMIhVY0c5c3BoSkRBNUhuUT09>

Meeting ID: 880 6917 5128

Passcode: 991876

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+16699006833,,88069175128#,,,,,0#,,991876# US (San Jose)

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 880 6917 5128

Passcode: 991876

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/keeyuVYaqo>

11:00 a.m. Worship Watch Party — Fireside Room, Legacy Estates

1:00 p.m. Topic: Aldersgate UMC Virtual Coffee “hour”

To have both audio and video, you’ll need a web camera and a microphone with your computer, tablet or cell phone. If you use a headset or ear buds with a microphone, it will help with the feedback during our chat.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/812243946?pwd=clRSQUlOZjYrQjlyZHk0aTZvQzFMQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 243 946

Password: 021075

One tap mobile +12532158782,,812243946#,,1#,021075# US (Tacoma)

Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 812 243 946

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcFkfw3laD>

6:30 p.m. A.R.M. Youth Group — zoom



Monday

7:00 p.m. Worship Planning Team — zoom

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Learning Key Result Team — zoom

Thursdays

9:00 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly — Sunshine Room

2:30 p.m. Connected & Caring Prayer Meeting — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81488353446pwd=YVRqT1Z3NncvSWFmekNIT3dWZFPidz09>

Meeting ID: 814 8835 3446

Passcode: 848320

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbE5F9y7tN>

Friday

8:30 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly weigh-in — Sunshine Room

Next Sunday, January 31

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School — zoom

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9:30 a.m. Online Worship on www.aldersgatelinc.org or our Facebook page Limit of 10 in attendance.

9:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School "Humility" — zoom (same link as Children's Sunday School)

11:00 a.m. Worship Watch Party — Fireside Room, Legacy Estates

1:00 p.m. Virtual Coffee "hour" — zoom

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Next Monday, February 1

1:30 p.m. U.M. Women Pledge Service — zoom

Wednesday, February 3

1:30 p.m. Book Club *This Tender Land: A Novel* by William Kent Krueger

Saturday, February 13

9 a.m. – 12 noon Ecumenical Legislative Briefing Day (virtual and free, sign up by Friday, February 5 to access all the topics)

Tuesday, February 16

7:00 p.m. Book Club *This Tender Land: A Novel* by William Kent Krueger

February 17 Ash Wednesday

Saturday, February 27

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Life Line Screening — Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 1

1:30 p.m. U.M. Women "Prepare to Care" with Karla Frese — zoom

Wednesday, March 3

1:30 p.m. Book Club *The Prayer Box* by Lisa Wingate — zoom

Tuesday, March 16

7:00 p.m. Book Club *The Book of Longings: A Novel* by Sue Monk Kidd

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