

Aldersgate United Methodist Church



9:00 a.m.

With Pastor John Goldrich serving
Newman U.M. Church
Videographer: Nancy Taylor
Song Leaders: Dan and Kara Steward

October 2, 2022
World Communion Sunday

11:00 a.m. Service

Lector: Harry Kellenbarger
Greeter: Stacey Lienemann

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members
Pastor: Joseph Rafique
Keyboardist : Deanna Steward
Organist: Jan Malone
Director of Music: Julie Clopper-Smith
Administrative Assistant: Stacey Lienemann
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*Worshippers are welcomed to use their own terminology for God.
If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*



Greeting and Announcements (9 *John*, 11 *Harry*)

Stewardship Moment (*Dan Steward*)

World Communion Sunday video

Music for Centering Prayer (9) "Let Us Break Bread Together" — arr. John Carter
(11) "One Bread, One Body" — J.B. Foley

Call to Worship (9 *John*, 11 *Harry*)

PASTOR: Open our mouths, O God,

ALL: **make us bold to proclaim your love.**

PASTOR: Open our minds, O God,

ALL: **help us grow in faith.**

PASTOR: Open our hearts, O God,

ALL: **transform us by your love.**

PASTOR: Open our lives, O God,

ALL: **guide us in serving you without looking for a reward in all that we do.**

Opening Prayer (9 *John*, 11 *Harry*)

PASTOR: We are not possible without you, God.

ALL: **We are the products of those who came before.**

PASTOR: We influence those who come after.

ALL: **You bind the generations to one another.**

PASTOR: We offer the treasures we find in you to one another,

ALL: **passing them down through the ages.**

PASTOR: Hear us, O God, as we worship you.

Hymn #88 (red)

"Maker, in Whom We Live"

Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.

Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.

2. Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"

3. Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore thy sacred energy,
and bless thine heart-renewing power.
No angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

4. Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747

MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer #895 (red, *Joseph*)

PASTOR: God of steadfast love, our faith was born in ancient prisons, in the blood of the martyrs, kindled from ashes, sustained amidst mourning, and passed to us to light our paths. We recall with tears and joy the ones in whom our faith first lived. (pause to name them)

This is their testimony: that your love is unceasing, your mercies are new every morning, and you are the portion for those who wait for you. We recall their testimony with tears and joy.

(pause for silent remembrance)

God of steadfast love, write our lives as living love letters to those who will come after us, just as our mothers and fathers in the faith passed love letters of their lives to us. Amen.

Besides praying for these, our ancestors in faith, what other prayer intentions would you like to lift up? (pause)

Lord, in your compassion,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: With faith and trust that God listens to us every time we call upon him, we wrap these and all our petitions in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, saying:

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.**

Hymn #374 (9 red)

“Standing on the Promises of God”

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises, standing on the promises,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing on the promises, standing on the promises,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises, standing on the promises,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing on the promises, standing on the promises,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.
Standing on the promises, standing on the promises,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing on the promises, standing on the promises,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.
Standing on the promises, standing on the promises,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing on the promises, standing on the promises,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

WORDS and MUSIC: R. Kelso Carter, 1886

Special Music (11)

“At the Table of the Lord” — *Aldersgate Choir*

God's Word Proclaimed (9 *Kari*, 11 *Mavi*)
(9 *Joseph*, 11 *Harry*)

II Timothy 1:2-14
Luke 17:5-10

Sermon (9 *John*)
(11 *Joseph*)

“Vigilant as a Good Soldier”
“Putting Our Faith to Work Without Looking for a Reward”

Sacrament of Holy Communion (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

PASTOR: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PASTOR: Holy are you, God, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

PASTOR: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is your, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession Before Sharing the Bread and Cup (*John*)

PASTOR: The bread of heaven transforms a sinner into a saint. Receive the bread, eat and be transformed.

ALL: **We receive this gift knowing that we are only sanctified by God's grace.**

PASTOR: The bread of heaven changes our church community. Share the bread; share the cup.

ALL: **We gather as a family of faith. We share our lives with each other.**

PASTOR: The bread of heaven strengthens us before sending us into the world. Pass on the gift with joy to all near and far.

ALL: **We are thankful to God for the privilege of being chosen and sent. With gratefulness we will serve and witness.**

PASTOR: The bread of heaven is holy and pure. Our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

ALL: **Gracious God, we come before you as bearers of a faith for which we are not always known. Sometimes we shrink from the gift entrusted to us, as if it is the least part of ourselves, as if faith has no real weight in the scheme of things. Forgive us our unfaithfulness and for our turning from your gifts. Call us back to life in you, today and every day. Amen.**

PASTOR: God is merciful and forgiving. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are assured that God loves us. Therefore, let us be at peace with ourselves, with God and with each other. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

Sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ

(If you wish to partake in the body and blood of Christ, please come forward.

Those unable to come forward, someone will bring the elements to you.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication of Gifts and Self (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: God has given us good gifts: the gift of life, the gift of love, the gift of mercy, the gift of this good earth, our home. The gift of teachers, the gift of presence, the gift of people to love, the gift of a call to serve and the gift of hope for the future of God's world. God has given us good gifts. Let us return for God's use a portion of what God has given us, to further God's purposes in this world.

ALL: **Holy One, first and foremost thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son. All that we are is gathered into the heart of Christ — nothing and no one is excluded. May our hearts be attentive to your voice. Open our eyes to the needs of the world. Strengthen in us the mission and spirit of this faith community. Accept and use this offering towards furthering the reality of your realm on Earth through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Hymn #2196 (black)

“We Walk by Faith”

We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound;
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

4. That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.

5. We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

WORDS: Henry Alford, alt.
MUSIC: attr. to Hugh Wilson

Commissioning and Blessing (*John*)

PASTOR: Go forth in the promise of God's steadfast love.

ALL: **We go forth in the promise of God's new mercies.**

PASTOR: Go forth as bearers of faith, ancient and new.

ALL: **We go forth with the kindled faith of our forebears.**

PASTOR: May your paths shine with light and love by God's blessings who is the Creator, the Redeemer
and the Sustainer. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

**Postlude (9)
(11)**

“Bind Us Together” — arr. Mark Hayes
“I Come with Joy” — arr. M.H. Corl

Announcements

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Today, October 2

World Communion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online <https://www.youtube.com/channel/Uct21eDWxyIs1fpzpfifo4LYg/live>. Or at your convenience at www.aldersgatelinc.org or on YouTube on the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska channel.

10:00 a.m. Faith Stories with Joseph Rafique — Room 4

10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School — Room 2

10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School — Room 1

11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

1:00 p.m. Lincoln Ostomy Group — Sunshine Room

1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/812243946?pwd=c1RSQU10ZjYrQjIyZHk0aTZvQzFMQT09>

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



4:00 p.m. "It's the Gospel" Piano Duet Fundraiser for the Eastridge Emergency Food Pantry — Eastridge Presbyterian Church, 1135 Eastridge Dr. A freewill offering will be taken with all proceeds donated to the Eastridge Food Pantry. Food items will also be accepted. Items in high demand include macaroni and cheese dinners, canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, canned soup, boxed dinners, and fruit juice. Personal care items, including shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and laundry detergent are also needed.

Tuesday, October 4

11:30 a.m. Grand Generation — Stauffer's Café & Pie Shoppe, 5600 S. 48th. Seniors socialize over lunch.

Wednesday, October 5

1:30 p.m. Book Club *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84680892716?pwd=VEZRSEY3U1pXZi9na2hXbm5KV0dWZz09>

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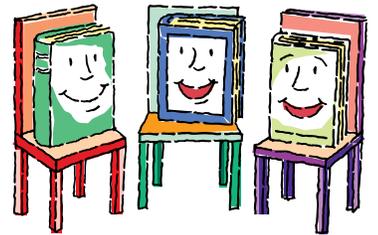
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7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center



Thursday, October 6

12:30 p.m. Worship & Prayer Service — Theater, Legacy Estates

1:00 p.m. Faith Talks "Protecting Children" — zoom. Register now for Faith Talks at: https://uwfaith-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TorSKkFuSsedGqhIJKiooQ

Friday, September 30

8:45 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly — Room 4

Saturday, October 8

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. As part of Community Climate Awareness Week, Citizen's Climate Lobby presents Deke Arndt "Rising Incidence and Cost of Extreme Weather Events and What We Can Do as Climate Activists" — Worship Center. Public is welcome to attend. Followed by a stroll in the Gardens.

Next Sunday, October 9 **Celebration Sunday**

Safe Quarters

- 9:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt21eDWxyIs1fpzpiFo4LYg/live>. Or at your convenience at www.aldersgatelinc.org or on YouTube on the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska channel.
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School — Room 2
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School — Sunshine Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 12 noon Celebration Potluck — Sunshine Room
- 1:00 p.m. CROP Walk — Bethany Christian Church, 1645 N. Cotner
- 1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

Next Monday, October 10 **Columbus Day**

- 1:00 p.m. United Women in Faith Mission Tour (all are invited) — Center for People in Need, 3901 N. 27th St. Carpool from Aldersgate. You may bring a new toy for the Center's Christmas Toy-land.
- 6:00 p.m. Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma — Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 14

- 6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 15

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4. Catered by Hy-Vee
- 9:00 a.m. United Women in Faith Annual District Meeting — St. Paul U.M. Church, 1144 'M' St.

Tuesday, October 18

- 7:00 p.m. Book Club *Hell of a Book* by Jason Mott — Room 4

Wednesday, October 19

- 1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, October 20

- 2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

Tuesday, October 25

- 7:00 p.m. Earth Stewards — zoom

Saturday, October 29

- 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Creative Praying with the St. John's Bible — St. Benedict's Center, 1123 Rd. I, Schuyler. Facilitated by Glenda Dietrich Moore. Cost: \$57.08 includes materials and meal. Starting with selected sections of scripture along with the illuminations from the St. John's Bible, we'll be invited to visually express what is in our hearts. Very simple art materials will be used in a nonthreatening manner while focusing on the process rather than the end product. No previous art experience is necessary. Please register no later than Sunday, October 23 at <https://christthekingpriory.com/retreats-schedule>

Sunday, October 30 **Tree Sabbath**

- 9 and 11:00 a.m. John preach. Newman U.M. Church invited.

Tuesday, November 1 **All Saints Day**

- 11:30 a.m. Grand Generation — Stauffer's Café & Pie Shoppe, 5600 S. 48th

Wednesday, November 2

- 1:30 p.m. Book Club *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult — zoom