February 28, 2021
9:30 a.m.
Second Sunday in Lent

With Pastor John Goldrich serving
Newman U.M. Church and
Pastor Pam Savery serving Hallam,
Martell & Roca U.M. Churches
Song Leaders: Dan Steward and
Julie Clopper-Smith
Videographer: Nancy Taylor

Ministers: All of Aldersgate’s Members
Pastor: Joseph Rafique
Keyboardist: Deanna Steward
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“The time has come, ... The kingdom of God is near.”
Mark 1:15

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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.
Order of Worship
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Prelude
“I Love You, Lord” — arr. Carl Seal

Welcome (Julie)

Call to Worship (Pam)
  PASTOR: Gather to give thanks with your whole heart. Rejoice in God’s love and faithfulness.
  ALL: We bow down before God our sovereign king and pour out thanks in songs of praise.
  PASTOR: Great is the glory of God, the ruler of the whole universe.
  ALL: We rejoice in God’s making us co-rulers with him.
  PASTOR: Wait for God, and hope in God’s word.
  ALL: Our ears are attentive to the voice of God and lives open to God’s direction.

Opening Prayer (Pam)
  PASTOR: Our souls wait for you, O God, our king supreme. Our ears are attentive to your word. We hope for a clear understanding of your will for us. Let this time of meeting draw us together in unity, with a sense of direction and purpose for this world and our individual lives.
  ALL: Renew us within so that nothing we face around us can undermine our faith or cause us to despair. Claim us all as sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, and help us to reflect this kinship in all we do or say. In his name we ask you to hear us. Amen.

Hymn #126 (red, vs. 1, 3-4) “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”
  Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
  the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
  With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
  To God all praise and glory.
  3. Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
  that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
  Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:
  To God all praise and glory.
  4. Let all who name Christ’s holy name give God all praise and glory;
  let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
  Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
  To God all praise and glory.

WORDS: Johann J. Schütz, 1675; trans. by Frances E. Cox, 1864
MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren’s Kirchengesänge, 1566; harm. by Maurice F. Bell, 1906

Prayer of Confession and Words of Affirmation (John)
  ALL: We confess, O God, that we often act as if we know better than you what is right for us. We make decisions without considering your larger purposes. Our own convenience and desire are more important to us than your commands. We go our own way and then blame others for our mistakes. Our inner confusion creates division and brokenness. We hide from you rather than admitting our need of you. O God, we want to face our sin and find forgiveness. Help us! Amen.
  PASTOR: The One who raised Jesus from the dead offers us new life today. Our sins are forgiven. Our lives are cleansed. Our inner nature is being renewed. God does not forsake us. Meet the world with the assurance that you are loved, valued, and empowered as an ambassador of God’s eternal realm. Amen.
Prayers of the People, Answered Prayers and Lord’s Prayer #895 (red) (John)

PASTOR: When we pray in petition “according to God’s will,” we know that God will answer it. For instance, if we pray for “thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,” that is a prayer that God is inclined to answer, for that is a prayer that is God’s heart. We think of our world, too often a place of violence and war, of bloodshed and anger. We call upon your Spirit to bring peace into our world, peace that is the hallmark of your kingdom. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Knowing there is so much injustice and inequality in our world, we pray that your Spirit of justice prevail and your children learn to share their means with the less fortunate. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for those whose lives are filled with the daily struggle to find enough food to eat, those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, and all those who face demons such as pain, addiction, loneliness. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for those who are grieving, who are experiencing loss in all manners, and those whose lives are filled with anxiety. May your Spirit of comfort come upon them. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for ourselves, and for all your people who hear the call to discipleship, but may be unsure of how to live that out, or too timid to step forward. May your Spirit encourage and reassure us that you are always with us. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: What prayer needs would you like to add? (pause) For a healthy and joy-filled life of those who celebrate their birthday or wedding anniversary today or in the week to come. God in your love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: And let us remember in prayer the One through whom we pray: whose way is love, whose wisdom is justice, whose heart is compassion, whose promise and call is peace and who taught his disciples to pray 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 #405 (red) **“Seek Ye First”**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

WORDS and MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1972 © 1972 Maranatha! Music

God’s Word Proclaimed (John) Mark 1:9-15

Good News for Kids (John)

Prayer of Dedication (Joseph)

PASTOR: Thank you, God, for your reign of peace, love and justice that Jesus initiated among us at the fullness of time. We bring ourselves and all we have accumulated to praise you and do the work you call us to do in your kingdom.

ALL: Fulfill your purpose for this church and beyond as you enlist our offerings and our lives. In amazement at the work of your hands, we reach out our hands to help others and invite them to join us in the spread of our rule, in our labors for you, we will not lose heart. Help us to do your will.

PASTOR: We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Hymn #715 (red, vs. 1, 4)  “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

4. Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1746
MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770; harm. from The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

Prayer for Coronavirus Victims and Those Attending Them (Pam)

Commissioning and Blessing (Pam)

PASTOR: God’s reign is among us. We are invited to share it with more and more people.

ALL: We seek to live so God’s kingdom is evident. We will consult with God in our decision-making.

PASTOR: We are king with Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit abides with us to guide us.

ALL: We have good news to share, so we will do it! May our living proclaim God’s glory.

PASTOR: Go, now, blessed by God the King Supreme to be his viceroys both today and always. Amen.

ALL: Amen.

Postlude  “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” — Lloyd Larson

Announcements

Lenten Study

Finding Peace in an Anxious World
edited by Erin James-Brown
9:30 a.m. Saturdays
Zoom

March 6 — Courage
March 13 — Wisdom

There is still room for you if you are interested.
Today, February 28, 2021
9:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School — zoom
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88069175128?pwd=Sm85R3VWMlhVY0c5c3BoSkRBNUhuUT09
Meeting ID: 880 6917 5128
Passcode: 991876
One tap mobile
+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.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/812243946?pwd=clRSQUlOZjYrQjIyZHk0aTZvQzFMQT09
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
Passcode: 021075
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1:30 p.m. A.R.M. Youth Group — zoom

Monday
1:30 p.m. U.M. Women “Prepare to Care” with Karla Frese, Home Care Partners of Nebraska — zoom
Topic: Aldersgate UMW Monthly Zoom Meeting
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81745324893?pwd=dzd6QXNOS2FtWG9DL3UvdjJjR1I3Zz09
Meeting ID: 817 4532 4893
Passcode: 848320
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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Meeting ID: 817 4532 4893
Passcode: 848320
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Wednesday
1:30 p.m. Book Club The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate — zoom
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84680892716?pwd=VEZRSEY3U1pXZi9na2hXbm5KV0dWZZz09
Meeting ID: 846 8089 2716
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6:00 p.m. On Fire: Rev. Tremaine Combs — First Plymouth 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=YVRqT1Z3NnecvSWFmekNIT3dWZFpidz09
Meeting ID: 814 8835 3446
Passcode: 848320
Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Meeting ID: 814 8835 3446
Passcode: 848320
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**Fridays**
8:30 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly weigh-in — Sunshine Room

**Saturday**
9:30 a.m. Lenten Study *Finding Peace in an Anxious World* — zoom
Join Zoom Meeting
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**Next Sunday, March 7**
Spring Break for Children and Youth
9:30 a.m. Online Worship on www.aldersgatelinc.org or our Facebook page Limit of 10 in attendance. Please have your communion elements available.
11:00 a.m. Worship Watch Party — Fireside Room, Legacy Estates
1:00 p.m. Virtual Coffee “hour” — zoom
Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 812 243 946
Password: 021075
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1:00 p.m. Ostomy Group — Sunshine Room

**Next Monday, March 8**
7:00 p.m. Trustees — zoom

**Tuesday, March 9**
7:00 p.m. Celebration & Thanksgiving Planning Team — zoom

**Wednesday, March 10**
6:00 p.m. On Fire: Mayor Josh Moenning — First Plymouth zoom