

Aldersgate

United Methodist Church



May 22, 2022
Peace with Justice Sunday

9:00 a.m.

With Pastor John Goldrich serving
Newman U.M. Church

Videographer: Nancy Taylor

Song Leaders: Dan and Kara Steward

11:00 a.m. Service

Lector: Stacey Lienemann

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members
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If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*



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Prelude (9)
(11)

“Come, Thou Fount” — arr. Marianne Kim
“Shall We Gather at the River?” — R. Lowry

Greeting (9 *Joseph*, 11 *Stacey*)

Call to Worship (11 *Stacey*)

JOSEPH: Come, listen to stories of faith from long ago.
JOHN: *Come, celebrate Christ with us in the here and now.*
JOSEPH: Come, help create holy possibilities for the future.
JOHN: *Come, drink fresh waters from the river of life.*
JOSEPH: Come, join generation upon generation in worshipping God.

Opening Prayer (9 *Joseph*, 11 *Stacey*)

PASTOR: The song of God’s love spreads abroad in all the earth — to every race and nation. It dances through barriers of history and prejudice.
ALL: **Let all the peoples praise you!**
PASTOR: The song rises among the silenced and rejected, the suffering and the longing ones.
ALL: **Let all the peoples praise you!**
PASTOR: The song can be heard on the road of life waiting to offer hospitality.
ALL: **Let all the peoples praise you!**
PASTOR: The song brings melodies of delight within the Body of Christ here.
ALL: **Let all the peoples praise you!**
PASTOR: All creation is gathered close to the heart of its Maker.

Hymn #127 (red)

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

WORDS: William Williams, 1745; trans. from the Welsh by Peter Williams and the author, 1771
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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

PASTOR: Even as we hear the echoes of your voice, O God, we know many sit on the edges of life. They wait in hope but the plates on the tables of love seem to be empty. (Place 2 empty plates on the

altar.) Often we don't think to visit those who live across rivers of cultural differences, with language and habits that are different. (Place 2 empty glasses next to the plates.) Sometimes we don't recognize other places of prayer, because we are not expecting to see them, especially if the voices are of those who do not hold power and influence. (Place an unlit candle on the table.)

ALL: **Forgive us when we are not your faithful disciples, Jesus Christ. Call us back to your way of life.**

PASTOR: Feel the love of Christ — promised to us from our beginnings and travelling with us to our endings. The hospitality of God waits to greet us again. Come to the table of grace. We are forgiven.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

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

PASTOR: Loving God, you gave to John of Patmos a wonderful vision of a river of life. We pray today for that image to come to reality throughout our world. We know that there are many who are thirsty, who live in places of drought, who travel far to get one container of clean water, who do not have the luxury that we take for granted of turning on a tap and having fresh water gush out. May the world find ways to provide fresh, clean water to those who are thirsty. For this we say,

ALL: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We know that many are thirsty for hope, who long for the day when a life-giving river might flow to their door and not simply pass them by. Bring rivers of hope, of truth, of light gushing into places of dryness in our world. For this we say,

ALL: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We know that there are those for whom rivers are frightening and harmful. Bring relief to those who are plagued by floods, or who are overwhelmed by a crazy life that washes over them and carries them away. For this we say,

ALL: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: What prayer needs would you like to lift up? (pause)

Help us, loving God, to see every river, every stream, every lake, every precious drop of water as a symbol of your commitment to life and hope. May we savor the goodness of the waters of life and find new and exciting ways to share them with a thirsty world. Until that becomes a reality, we will continue to pray 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 #2158 (9, black)

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;

I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,

daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?

Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,

daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

3. When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,

daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Special Music (11) “I Want to See My Jesus” — *Aldersgate Choir*

God’s Word Proclaimed (9 *John*, 11 *Stacey*) Acts 16:6-15

Sermon (*Joseph*) “Following the Direction of the Holy Spirit”

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self (*Joseph*) What do we have to give? Only what we have received.

PASTOR: For the opportunity of your good earth, for the people you have given us to love, for the tasks you have called us to do, we give thanks, gracious God. Our offerings are a measure of our faith and an evidence of our gratitude. We dedicate ourselves with our gifts, that your kingdom may be realized in the places where we live and work and far beyond our personal reach.

ALL: **Loving God, we know that ministry is not something we do for others nearly so much as it is a life-giving work you call us to do with others. Use these gifts and our talents, blended with the gifts and talents of others around the world, to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Hymn #400 (red) “**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**”

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758

MUSIC: *Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

Commissioning and Blessing (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: Worshippers of God, we are called into the world.

We cannot stay here; God has work for us to do.

ALL: **God invites us to follow where Jesus leads. Our presence is needed in unexpected places.**

PASTOR: As we go to the unexpected places where Christ leads, may the river of God’s grace refresh us each day, the light of Christ shine among the shadows and the Holy Spirit be found within friend and stranger. Amen.

ALL: **Amen. Amen.**

Postlude (9) “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” — arr. Mark Hayes
(11) “Like a River Glorious” — J. Mountain

Announcements

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Today, May 22, 2022

Peace with Justice Sunday

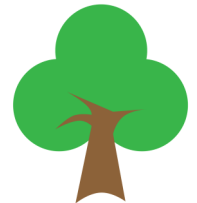
- 9:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt21eDWxyIs1fpzpifo4LYg/live>. Or at your convenience at www.aldersgatelinc.org or on YouTube on the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska channel.
- 9:30 a.m. Lenten Study “God Unbound: Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church” — Room 4
- 10:00 a.m. Lenten Study “God Unbound: Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church” — Room 3
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/812243946?pwd=c1RSQUlOZjYrQjlyZHk0aTZvQzFMQT09>
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
Password: 021075
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcFkfw3laD>
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Family Picnic — Smith, 336 S. 89th. Please bring a side dish or dessert.



Tuesday

Aldersgate Day

- 7:00 p.m. Earth Stewards — zoom
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81778191841?pwd=aVNobS9qU2FabmdrZlJScU8wSkVHQT09>
Meeting ID: 817 7819 1841
Passcode: 832006
One tap mobile
+16699009128,,81778191841#,,,,*832006# US (San Jose)
Dial by your location
+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
Meeting ID: 817 7819 1841
Passcode: 832006
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kpGzFaqtB>



Wednesday

- 7:30 p.m. Staff/Parish Relations Committee — Room 4

Thursday

Ascension of the Lord

- 12:30 p.m. Worship & Prayer Service — Fireside Room, Legacy Estates

Friday

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

Saturday

- 10:00 a.m. Nebraska Herbal Society — Sunshine Room

Next Sunday, May 29, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Hymn Sing — 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.
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- 11:00 a.m. Hymn Sing — Worship Center
- 1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

Next Monday, May 30 **Memorial Day**
7:00 p.m. Worship Planning Team — Room 4

Wednesday, June 1
1:30 p.m. Book Club *The Lincoln Highway: A Novel* by Amor Towles — zoom

Sunday, June 5 **Pentecost**
10:00 a.m. High School Graduate Celebration — Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 8 – Saturday, June 11
Annual Conference — LaVista, Nebraska

Friday, June 10
6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 12 **Trinity Sunday**
9 & 11 a.m. Women in Mission Sunday with Bonnie McCord, “Climate Justice”

Monday, June 13, Wednesday, June 15 & Friday, June 17

6:30-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School for K-5th graders
“Son Rock Kids Camp” — Aldersgate Gardens
An adventure camp like no other singing songs, creating crafts, and playing games. Most importantly they’ll learn how their lives can be transformed by God’s great love for them. Bring your friends and neighbors.

6:30-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School for adults —
Worship Center

Monday guest speaker: Jason St. Sauver

(The Bird Nerd) from the Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Society

Wednesday guest speaker: Bob Hanover, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Friday: “Where Do We Go from Here?”



Thursday, June 16
2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

Saturday, June 18
8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast — Room 4

Tuesday, June 21
7:00 p.m. Book Club *The Lincoln Highway: A Novel* by Amor Towles — Room 4

Sunday, June 26
10:40 a.m. One Shot Choir — Choir Room
3:00 p.m. Madison & Caleb Nielsen Couple’s Shower — Aldersgate Gardens

Tuesday, June 28
8a.m.-8p.m. Election Day — Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Earth Stewards — zoom

Friday, July 8
6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 11
1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith — Room 4