

# Aldersgate

## United Methodist Church



**9:00 a.m.**

Videographer: Nancy Taylor  
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Lector: Bill Nelson

**11:00 a.m.**

Lector: Jan Malone

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members  
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**June 26, 2022**

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*



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**Prelude** (9)  
(11)

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” — arr. Michael Larkin  
“As the Deer” / “Fairest Lord Jesus” — arr. M. Hayes

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

**Call to Worship** (9 *Bill*, 11 *Jan*)

PASTOR: Call to mind the mighty acts of God. Remember the wonders God has revealed in your life.

ALL: **All the ways of God are holy. Nothing in heaven or earth is so great as God.**

PASTOR: We have inherited the mission of the prophets. We need the prophet’s mantle from our God.

ALL: **We have come to be equipped for our tasks. We have gathered for renewal of our lives.**

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

PASTOR: We cry aloud to you, O God. Hear our prayers. In times of trouble, we need your comfort. Amid our confusion, we seek your clarity. From temptations of the flesh, we beg for liberation. Lead us away from the false gods we create, that we may meet you here with full expectancy and eager responsiveness.

ALL: **Shape us to be gentle and self-controlled. Turn us from passions and desires of the flesh that separate us from you and violate love of neighbor. Fit us for labor in your realm and keep our hand to the plow. In the name of Jesus our savior and liberator, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn #139** (red, vs. 1-2, 5 sung, read vs. 3-4)

**“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigning  
bears thee on eagle’s wings, e’er in his keeping maintaining.

God’s care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.  
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work  
and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy  
here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,  
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.

Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,  
spreading the wings of grace o’er thee.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

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### **Prayer of Confession and Words of Affirmation (*Joseph*)**

PASTOR: Christ has set us free from everything that might detain, oppress or derail us. But we should not confuse this with the right to do whatever we wish. No, we are called to serve others, to share God's hope and joy with everyone we meet. Let us confess how we have misused this wonderful gift of grace, as we pray, saying,

ALL: **Redeeming God, how easily we say we would follow you, but how often we live as if we don't have a clue as to what that means. We choose to gossip about our friends, rather than surrounding them with love. Our competitive nature wills us to win at all costs, when we could be engaged in costly service. We expect others to do for us and rarely ask what we might do for them. For all this and more we ask for your forgiveness.**

PASTOR: Forgive us, High and Holy One. Set us free to serve in love and compassion; help us to feast on the fruit the Spirit offers to us; put us on the path of faithful discipleship, as we walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

PASTOR: Lord God, you are a God of freedom, of joy and peace. In Jesus, you have bound yourself to us with a promise: "Lo! I am with you always, even to the very end of time." We pray to you for those who need to feel you close, who need the assurance of your love, the encouragement of your Spirit. For this we pray:

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for those who are persecuted, who are discriminated against, who are mocked because of their faith or race or color. For this we pray:

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for those who are imprisoned, who are tortured, who are exiled, because they have fought, struggled and spoken out for the rights of their people. For this we pray:

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for those who are destitute, who are hungry, who are refugees, because of the selfishness and apathy of the world. For this we pray:

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for those who are filled with guilt, who are broken-hearted, who are perplexed, because a relationship has gone wrong. For this we pray:

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for those who are feeling fed up, who are in discomfort, who are afraid, because they are ill in body, mind or spirit. For this we pray:

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for those who are numbed, who are angry, who are desolate, because they have been bereaved. For this we pray:

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray for those caught up in war, and violence, and hatred; especially the innocent victims of these evils. For this we pray:

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: We pray at this time of financial turmoil, for those who have lost jobs, those who struggle to pay bills, and those who have the power to affect positive change. For this we pray:

ALL: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Be with us all, Lord; in all our daily struggles as we seek to follow you. Be with us all, Lord; in our periods of doubt and despair; and in our times of happiness, health and loving. Be with us all, Lord; until that time when in your kingdom of love our joy will know no end. And until then, 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 #393 (red, 9)

**“Spirit of the Living God”**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.  
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on all.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on all.  
Melt all, mold all, fill all, use all.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on all.

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Special Music (11)

“Stay With Us” — *One Shot Choir*

God’s Word Proclaimed (9 Bill, 11 Jan) II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Sermon

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

PASTOR: Gracious God, we did not know it would cost so much or feel so good to follow Jesus. We are grateful that we have so much to give and so much yet to learn.

ALL: **We dedicate our offerings of self and of all that we have so that we and our neighbors may be equipped for life in your realm. Accept our offerings for the glory of your name. Amen.**

Hymn #593 (red)

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

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### **Commissioning and Blessing**

PASTOR: God ordains every generation to be prophets.

ALL: **May we take up our mantle of ministry.**

PASTOR: Christ sets us free to live our love in the world.

ALL: **May we take up our mantle of ministry.**

PASTOR: Spirit makes a way of ministry before us.

ALL: **May we take up our mantle of ministry.**

PASTOR: Go in the Spirit of God to be prophets of love by your words and actions. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

**Postlude** (9)  
(11)

“Change My Heart, O God” — arr. Mark Hayes

“Sing Unto the Lord” / “Sing of the Mercies” — arr. M. Hayes

# Announcements

## Today, June 26, 2022

9:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt21eDWxyIs1fpzpifo4LYg/live>. Or at your convenience at [www.aldersgatelinc.org](http://www.aldersgatelinc.org) or on YouTube on the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska channel.

10:00 a.m. One Shot Choir — Choir Room

10:00 a.m. Faith Stories with Pastor Joe — Room 4

11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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3:00 p.m. Couples' Shower for Caleb Nielsen and Madison Tabor — Aldersgate Gardens



## Monday

7:00 p.m. Worship Planning Team — Room 4

## Tuesday, June 28

8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Election Day — Fellowship Hall

3:00 p.m. Olli “My Backyard” — Sunshine Room

7:00 p.m. Earth Stewards — Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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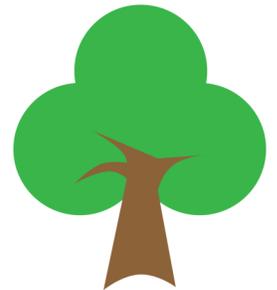
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## Thursday

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

## Friday

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

## Next Sunday, July 3, 2022

9:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt21eDWxyIs1fpzpifo4LYg/live>. Or at your convenience at [www.aldersgatelinc.org](http://www.aldersgatelinc.org) or on YouTube on the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska channel.

11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

## Next Monday, July 4

Office is closed.

**Independence Day**

**Wednesday, July 6**

1:30 p.m. *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times* by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams — Zoom

**Friday, July 8**

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

**Sunday, July 10**

10:00 a.m. Faith Stories with Nosheen on being a Christian woman in Pakistan — Room 4

**Monday, July 11**

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith “Aldersgate Gardens” — Room 4

**Saturday, July 16**

8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast — Room 4

2:00 p.m. Celebration of Jeri John’s Life — Worship Center

**Tuesday, July 19**

1:30 p.m. *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times* by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams — Room 4

**Thursday, July 21**

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom

**Sunday, July 24**

10:00 a.m. One Shot Choir — Choir Room

**Tuesday, July 26**

7:00 p.m. Earth Stewards — zoom

**Sunday, July 31**

9 & 11 a.m. Tree Sabbath  
Garden Party

**Wednesday, August 3**

1:30 p.m. Book Club *Sparks Like Stars: A Novel* by Nadia Hashimi (One Book / One Lincoln Nominee) — zoom

**Saturday, August 6**

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Wachiska/Spring Creek Prairie 2022 Tour of the Wild Side — Aldersgate Gardens

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith Lunch — Fellowship Hall

**Friday, August 12**

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

**Tuesday, August 16**

7:00 p.m. Book Club *Sparks Like Stars: A Novel* by Nadia Hashimi (One Book / One Lincoln Nominee) — Room 4

**Thursday, August 18**

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

**Saturday, August 20**

8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast — Room 4