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for action
and have your
lamps lit.

LUKE 12:35, NRSV

9:00 a.m.

With Pastor John Goldrich serving
Newman U.M. Church
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Greeter: Gaylene Nutzman

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Aldersgate United Methodist Church

August 7, 2022
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Order of Worship

August 7, 2022

Prelude

“How Beautiful” — arr. Lloyd Larson

Greeting (*John*)

Call to Worship (*John*)

PASTOR: We have come today to worship the Giver of Life.

ALL: **We have come this day to give thanks to the Creator of all.**

PASTOR: We have come today to worship Jesus, who gave his life for us.

ALL: **We have come this day to sing praises to our Risen Savior.**

PASTOR: We have come this day to worship the God who loves.

ALL: **Come let us worship in spirit and in truth and in love.**

Opening Prayer (*John*)

PASTOR: Dear God, we are overwhelmed by the many ways you show us your love. We see it in the beauty of nature. We hear it in the laughter of children, and we feel it in a hug of a loved one. Scripture tells us you have every hair on our head counted. Because of your love we ask you to hear our prayers and answer them.

ALL: **Bring peace to our world so all soldiers can safely come home. Guide those who have decisions weighing on their hearts. Bring wholeness to those whose lives are in strife. Heal those who need your special touch. Touch all of our lives so we can be extravagant givers in your name. Amen.**

Hymn #529 (red, read vs. 3-4)

“How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

WORDS: "K" in Rippon's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787

MUSIC: Early USA melody; harm. from *Tabor*, 1866

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

During the pauses, you are invited to speak the names aloud.

PASTOR: Holy One, your words speak to us of our greatest fears and our most shining hopes. We fear what the future might bring, of thieves that might steal our stuff, our peace and our security; of illness that might steal our ease. We hope for what the future might bring: joyful children becoming thoughtful, joyful adults; changes in work or home or the public square that will end injustice and inequality.

We live amid these fears and these hopes, sometimes at peace, often worried, mostly perplexed. As we name those people or those places for whom we pray this day, may those fears and those hopes not overwhelm us. May we not be swept away in a sea of "what if's." Help us to stop, be still and listen to the needs, the joys, the obstacles, the mysteries of our community, your people, this day.

We pray for our leaders. (pause)

We pray for our community. (pause)

We pray for our church. (pause)

We pray for our neighbors. (pause)

We pray for ourselves. (pause)

For the prayers we offer aloud and the prayers we offer in silence, we trust in your mercy, grace and love that is greater than any thief, any disease, any problem, any hurt. Hear our prayers and grant that we experience the full effect of our prayers in our life. All this we ask in Jesus' name 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 #399 (red)

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1873

MUSIC: Louis J. F. Hérold, 1839; arr. by George Kingsley, 1839

God's Word Proclaimed (*Joseph*)

Luke 12:32-40

Sermon (*John*)

"We Must Be Ready"

Sacrament of Holy Communion (Joseph)

PASTOR: The Lord is 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 our thanks and praise.**

PASTOR: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Before the mountains were brought forth or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God.

You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the 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, make covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. 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 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 grape 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 yours, almighty God, now and forever.

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: **I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. I am not worthy that you should receive me, but give your word and I shall be healed, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.**

PASTOR: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

ALL: **Amen. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

PASTOR: Amen.

Sharing the Body and Blood of Jesus

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: Thank you, God, for your compassionate care in which you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Thank you for welcoming us into your caring realm, where we claim the needs of others as our concern.

ALL: **We are finding a homeland in your service as we stay awake and wait for the coming of Jesus. Accept our offerings as an outpouring of thanksgiving for a God who does not forget us. Your promises are sure and your faithfulness is to all generations. Amen.**

Hymn #109 (red)

“Creating God, Your Fingers Trace”

Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.

2. Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's mysteries known or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.

3. Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.

4. Indwelling God, your gospel claims one family with a billion names;
let every life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.

WORDS: Jeffery Rowthorn, 1974; © 1979 The Hymn Society of America

MUSIC: attr. To Elkanah Kelsay Dare, 1799.

Commissioning and Blessing (*John*)

PASTOR: Enter your everyday world dressed for action. Let your lamps of faith light up the world.

ALL: **We are ready to meet God at home and at work. We are ready to meet God even beyond this world.**

PASTOR: God, whose Word prepared a vast world beyond our knowing, welcomes us and sends us as covenant partners in this world. Go blessed by God to bless all you meet. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

Postlude

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” — arr. Larry Shackley

Announcements

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Today, August 7, 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 or on YouTube on the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska channel.

10:00 a.m. Faith Stories — Room 4

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

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Monday, August 8

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3267768816?pwd=bE91cFhndExNVDkzNkZFUEdnSFFyQT09>

Meeting ID: 326 776 8816

Passcode: 4024891510

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Tuesday, August 9

7:00 p.m. Finance — zoom

Wednesday, August 10

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4. A time of fellowship while stitching, knitting or crocheting.

Thursday, August 11

Office is closed

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

7:00 p.m. Spiritual Living Key Result Team — Room 4

Friday, August 12

Office is closed

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

6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall. You are invited to bring a snack to share and play cards just for fun.

Saturday, August 13

11:00 a.m. Citizen's Climate Lobby — Sunshine Room

Next Sunday, August 14, 2022 United Methodist Student Day

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. Faith Stories — Room 4

11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

Next Monday, August 15

7:00 p.m. Church Council — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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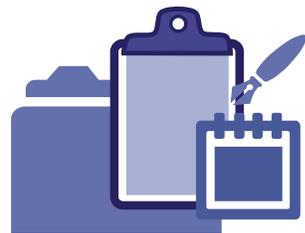
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**Tuesday, August 16**

7:00 p.m. Book Club *Sparks Like Stars: A Novel* by Nadia Hashimi — Room 4

Thursday, August 18

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

Saturday, August 20

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4

Sunday, August 21

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

Tuesday, August 23

7:00 p.m. Earth Stewards — zoom

Friday, August 26

6-8 p.m. Dogust — Aldersgate Gardens. A time of fun for dogs and dog lovers organized by the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum.

Wednesday, September 7

1:30 p.m. Book Club *The Reading List: A Novel* by Sara Nisha Adams — zoom

Friday, September 9

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

Monday, September 12

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith — Room 4

Wednesday, September 14

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

Thursday, September 15

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

Saturday, September 17

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4

Sunday, September 18

12:00 p.m. Ruth Maier 90th Birthday Party with light refreshments provided — Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 20

7:00 p.m. Book Club *The Reading List: A Novel* by Sara Nisha Adams — Room 4

Tuesday, September 27

7:00 p.m. Earth Stewards — zoom