

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

October 29, 2023
Hymn Sing



8:30 a.m.

With Pastor John Goldrich serving
Newman U.M. Church
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11:00 a.m. Service

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Greeting and Announcements (8:30 *Joseph*, 11)

Music for Centering Prayer #145 (vs. 1 & 3) **“Morning Has Broken”**

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s recreation of the new day!

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Call to Worship (8:30 *Joseph*, 11)

LEADER: As we celebrate the day the Lord has made, we meet God in this place, this hour, and in all our yesterdays and tomorrows.

ALL: **God meets our needs as a gentle nurse and silences critics with a word of love.**

LEADER: Let us celebrate with joy and gratitude the deliverance God offers in Jesus Christ.

ALL: **We will lift our voices to declare our faith and renew our commitment to share ourselves.**

Opening Prayer (8:30 *Joseph*, 11)

LEADER: O Eternal One, we thank and praise you for bringing us safely to this your house of prayer. Entrust us again with the gospel of Jesus Christ, that we may love you with all our being and our neighbors as ourselves. Like Jesus, and all his disciples of yesterday and today, we would risk opposition to serve you faithfully. We want to identify with the poor and oppressed for whom you have special compassion.

ALL: **Guide us by your word to share ourselves, along with your good news. In the saving name of Jesus we ask. Amen.**

Hymns #314 (red, vs. 1-2)

“In the Garden”

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

WORDS and MUSIC: Austin Miles, 1913

#377 (red, vs. 1 & 4)

“It Is Well with My Soul”

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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

PASTOR: “If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and the word is not in us.” I John 1:9-10

Generous God, we have been greedy and selfish with the things of this world and even with the love you have poured out among us. We have viewed life around us through the narrow focus of our own immediate self-interest, without awareness of people who are used and abused as we grab what we want.

ALL: **O God, test our hearts, turn us from our unconscious distortions and our conscious deceits, and bring us to fuller acceptance of your life-changing forgiveness. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

PASTOR: Hear and believe the gospel: Jesus Christ delivers us from the wrath to come. You are forgiven, approved by God and entrusted with the love that restores you to full communion with your Sovereign. Blessed is everyone who fears God and walks in God’s way. Share the good news! Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

Hymns #504 (red, vs. 1 & 3)

“Old Rugged Cross”

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

WORDS and MUSIC: George Bennard, 1913

Hymns #529 (red, vs. 1-3)

“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.

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

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

#577 (red, vs. 1 & 3)

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; by permission of Elinor Fosdick Downs

MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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

PASTOR: Trusting in the steadfast love and transformative power of God's Spirit, let us pray for the church,
the world and all in any kind of need.

God of all, it is in you that we live, move and have our being. We ask you to bless the resolve of
your church to spread the message of your love through its word and deed especially to the un-
loved. God of love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: God of all creation, as the farmers harvest the crops these days, we ask you to bless fields and or-
chards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people will have an abundant harvest
to feed all. God of love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: God of peace, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide all leaders every-
where so that they may govern your people with wisdom, integrity and compassion. God of love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like a tender nurse. Have mer-
cy on all who are ill, taking treatment, on those who mourn, who cry out for justice, who hunger
and who are homeless. God of love,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

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

Hear all our prayers, loving God, and answer according to your will and purpose. We pray in
Christ's 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.**

Hymns #2236 (black, vs. 1 & 4)

“Gather Us In”

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light-years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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#261 (8:30, red, vs. 1 & 5)

“Lord of the Dance”

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,

I am the life that'll never, never die;

I'll live in you if you'll live in me;

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Dance, then, wherever you may be;

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, .
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

WORDS: Sydney Carter, 1963

MUSIC: 19th cent. Shaker tune; adapt. by Sydney Carter; harm. by Gary Alan Smith, 1988

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Special Music (11)

“Gift of Music” — *Aldersgate Choir*

God's Word Proclaimed (8:30 *Joseph*, 11)

I Thessalonians 2:1-8

Hymn #3105 (green, vs. 1 & 4)

“In Christ Alone My Hope Is Found”

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song.

This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme or plan can ever pluck me from his hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Gospel Lesson (8:30 *John*, 11)

Matthew 22:34-46

Offertory (8:30)
(11)

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” — arr. Victor Labenske
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” — M. Luther

Offertory Hymn #2009 (black)

“O God Beyond All Praising”

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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MUSIC: Gustav T. Holst

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

PASTOR: As we give ourselves and our offerings, we pray, O God, that they may reveal your love in such a way that others will respond. Awaken in us a love for you and for one another that is contagious.

ALL: **We offer to you the work of our hands, the love of our hearts, the fruits of our labor, trusting that they will be used for your service and to your glory. Amen.**

Hymns #292 (red, vs. 1 & 3)

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;

WORDS: USA folk hymn
MUSIC: USA folk hymn; harm. by Paul J. Christiansen, 1955
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#3149 (11 green, vs. 1 & 5)

“A Place at the Table”

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

5. or everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

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Commissioning and Blessing (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: You have heard again the great commandments: take them with you and live by them.

ALL: **We will love the Sovereign God with all our heart, soul and mind.**

PASTOR: Do you mean that? Will you live to please God? Will the love of God come first in your life?

ALL: **We will love the Sovereign God with all our heart, soul and mind.**

PASTOR: When you do that, everything in the world changes. People will nevermore be confused with things.

ALL: **We will do no wrong to our sisters and brothers; we will love our neighbors as ourselves.**

PASTOR: Do you mean that? Is it your full intent? Will love dominate all your thoughts and actions?

ALL: **We will love God with all our heart, soul and mind and we will love our neighbors as ourselves.**

PASTOR: May God, the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer, bless the intentions of our heart, both this day and forever. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

Postlude #2282 (black)

“I’ll Fly Away”

Some glad morning when this life is o’er, I’ll fly away, fly away; fly away;
to a home on God’s celestial shore, I’ll fly away, fly away, fly away.
I’ll fly away, fly away, O glory, I’ll fly away, fly away, in the morning.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away, fly away, fly away.

2. When the shadows of this life have gone, I’ll fly away, fly away; fly away;
like a bird from prison bars has flown, I’ll fly away, fly away, fly away.
I’ll fly away, fly away, O glory, I’ll fly away, fly away, in the morning.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away, fly away, fly away.

3. Just a few more weary days and then, I’ll fly away, fly away; fly away;
to a land where joys shall never end, I’ll fly away, fly away, fly away.
I’ll fly away, fly away, O glory, I’ll fly away, fly away, in the morning.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away, fly away, fly away.

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(Part of today’s liturgy has been taken from *Taught by Love* and *Fresh Winds of the Spirit* by Lavon Bayler.)

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

29 Sandy Lightle
30 Dusty Huston Alyssa Keslar (20)
31 Kaiser Huskey
3 Bill Dombrowski (75) Mindee Dorske
4 Jacob Wyant (80)



Nadyne Bauer
Keller Hustad

Dick Easley
Dallas Huston

Shirley Hanley
Jacob

Kevin Johnson, Keith's brother, from San Angelo, TX has bone cancer and is undergoing radiation.

Laura Marshall

Iva Maxey, Reba Wysocki's sister, who is undergoing dialysis treatments

Jennifer Miles, Phyllis Nelson's niece

Allen Ostlund, Frankey & Gordon's son who has metastatic prostate cancer

AJ & Chandra Pfenning, Pat Marshall's granddaughter

Isaiah Pierce, Karen Pierce's grandson who was born 12/13/22 with heart issues has finally come home from the hospital

Sandy Quathammer who is in the memory unit of Pemberly Place

Alex Ronne, Pat Ruth's cousin, a 5-year-old girl living in Colorado diagnosed with MLD, a rare, incurable, genetic disease.

Freeman Sandquist and his family as he is deployed to Africa.

Andrew Smith left on his deployment 2/5/23

Zach Steward

John

Corrie Stohlman who's chemo for Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma is no longer helping as much so they are increasing treatments

Roxanne & Richard Swyers

"May the Lord go before Ross Teske and prepare the way for his missionary work in Talavera de la Reina, Spain."

Larry Ruth's niece, Kate and her triplets have been born without serious complications

People in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine

Announcements

Today, October 29

National Oatmeal Day

8:30 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online

<https://www.youtube.com/@aldersgateunitedmethodistc8463> or at your convenience at www.aldersgatelinc.org. You may also search YouTube for Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

9:45 a.m. Aldersgate Kids Take on Service (A.K.T.S.) -- Room 2. For grades pre-K-12. Trick-or-Treat for U.N.I.C.E.F.

9:45 a.m. Congregational Pre-Conference meeting — Worship Center.

10:40 a.m. Choir Warm-up -- Choir Room

11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Corn Maze — Camp Fontanelle, 9677 County Rd. 3.

1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

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2:00 p.m. Wellington Greens Townhome Association meeting — Worship Center



Monday, October 30 **Haunted Refrigerator Night**
5:30-7 p.m. Trunk or Treat — Parking Lot
7:00 p.m. Spiritual Living and Worship Planning Team — Room 4

Tuesday, October 31 **Reformation Day**
3:00 p.m. OLLI “My Backyard” — Sunshine Room

Wednesday, November 1 **All Saints Day**
1:30 p.m. Book Club *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult — Room 4
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, November 2 **National Deviled Egg Day**
12:30 p.m. Worship & Prayer Service — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
1:30 p.m. Nebraska Caregiver Coalition “Bringing the Peace and Comfort of Music to Those Journeying through Hospice Care” — webinar. The link to register is: <https://www.answers4families.org/education-series-family-caregiver>.

Friday, November 3 **World Community Day**
8:45 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly — Room 4

Saturday, November 4 **National Candy Day**
10 a.m.-2 p.m. 2023 Peace Conference with Senators Danielle Conrad, Tony Vargas, Terrell McKinney and Machaela Cavanaugh — Worship Center. Workshops on Social Justice, Making Friends with Conflict and Engaging with Your Public Power.

Next Sunday, November 5 **All Saints Sunday**
Daylight Saving Time Ends
8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Good Live Halfsy — Seacrest Field—Haymarket
8:30 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online
9:45 a.m. Aldersgate Kids Take on Service (A.K.T.S.) — Room 2. Psalm 106:1 Be thankful.
9:45 a.m. Psalm Study — Worship Center. Facilitated by Pastor Joe.
10:40 a.m. Choir Warm-up — Choir Room
11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
1:00 p.m. Lincoln Ostomy Association — Sunshine Room
1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom
4:00 p.m. Abendmusik Monroe Crossing Bluegrass Band “The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass” — First Plymouth or abendmusik.org/livestream. Freewill offering benefits Clinic with a Heart.

Tuesday, November 7 **Hug a Bear Day**
11:30 a.m. Grand Generation — Stauffer’s Café, 5600 S. 48th. Seniors fellowship over lunch ordered off the menu.

Friday, November 10 **National Vanilla Cupcake Day**
6:30 p.m. Friday Fling — Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share and enjoy the fellowship of playing cards, usually 10-Point Pitch.

Sunday, November 12 **Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday**
2:00 p.m. Church Conference — South Gate U.M. Church, 3500 Pioneers

Monday, November 13 **World Kindness Day**
1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) “World Thank Offering” — Room 4

Wednesday, November 15 **National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day**
1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4. Tie quilts for mission.