

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

April 14, 2024
Native American Ministries Sunday

8:30 a.m.

With Pastor John Goldrich serving
Newman U.M. Church
Song Leaders: Dan & Kara Steward
Videographer: Nancy Taylor
Greeter/Usher: Katrena Anton

11:00 a.m. Service

Greeter/Usher: Connie Kier
Lector: Stacey Lienemann

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



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Greeting and Announcements (8:30 *Keith, 11 Stacey*)

Music for Centering Prayer (8:30) “’Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus” — arr. Marianne Kim
(11) “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!” — French

Call to Worship (8:30 *Keith, 11 Stacey*)

LEADER: God has set apart those who are faithful. Our Creator will hear us when we call.
ALL: **God puts gladness in our hearts and minds. We will lie down in safety and sleep in peace.**
LEADER: Beloved, we are God’s children now. What we will be has not been revealed.
ALL: **We are here to remember Jesus Christ. We want to be like the One who lived by love.**
LEADER: Our faith strengthens us for each day’s living. God empowers our ministries of caring.
ALL: **We trust God whose children we are. We look forward to what God will reveal to us.**

Opening Prayer (8:30 *Keith, 11 Stacey*)

LEADER: God of our ancestors, author of life; source of Easter good news, we are drawn together again by the mystery of life and death. We call on you, so far beyond our knowing, with a mixture of faith and doubt. Let your face shine on us as we put our trust in you. Draw together the fragments of our busy lives around the central core of love which you provide, that we might relate to one another as whole people.
ALL: **Grant us a fuller sense of what is right and good and help us to live at our best. Amen.**

Hymn #140 (red) “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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

PASTOR: In his preaching, the disciple Peter reminded his listeners that no one can escape the collective guilt that allows innocent people to suffer. The mob actions that sent Jesus to the cross was fed by fears and anger we are reluctant to claim. Yet we, too, reject the Holy One, by our neglect if not by our deliberate intent. Peter invites us to repent and turn to God that our sins may be wiped away.
ALL: **We are disturbed and distressed, O God, by the evil that surrounds us. It is hard to view many people we see as your children: murderers, abusers, those who cheat others and profit at their expense. We feel like victims. Why should we confess our sins then there is so much evil beyond our influence? Yet we know we do not abide by your love. We sin by turning away from sisters and brothers who are also beloved by you, however they may differ from us. We seek the forgiveness you promise and the health you offer. Amen.**
PASTOR: Forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to all who repent and seek new life in Christ. The pace of God dwells in us when we honestly examine ourselves, exposing our wounds to Love’s healing and our self-deceit to Love’s correction. Beloved, we are accepted by God whose will for us is a joyous freedom in Christ Jesus. Amen.
ALL: **Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer #895 (red, *Stacey*) © Andy Stinson/engageworship.org

LEADER: To aid our focus whilst praying, we will make and hold physical positions with our hands. We do this to engage our bodies within our prayers, allowing our minds to focus more freely on what we are praying about.
First place your palms and fingers flat together, with your hands pointing upwards; in the position traditionally adopted to pray.
We come to be still before God, our hands together, stopping us undertaking physical work. We

take up the work of an intercessor, bringing our earthly concerns before our Heavenly Creator.
Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness. You set me at liberty when I was in trouble;

ALL: **have mercy on me and hear my prayer.** Psalm 4:1

LEADER: Separate your hands, and clench them together to form fists. Hold them as tightly as you can, so that your focus is on your fists.

We pray for those parts of the world afflicted by violence. We remember those in violent relationships, where talking has been replaced by fighting, where peace has been replaced by aggression and unrest.

Open both your fists. Hold your left hand so your palm faces towards you. Take the index finger on your right hand and push it hard into the center of your left palm.

Jesus' hands were pierced as he was crucified; he was wounded to restore our relationship with God; he suffered to bring reconciliation and justice to the world.

We focus on situations and places where that reconciliation is needed, both in our own lives, our community and the wider world.

Open both of your hands, hold them open in front of you with your palms facing upwards.

We recognize that all of humanity needs to receive good things. God provides for each of us physically, emotionally and spiritually.

We ask God for the things we need, and the things needed by others.

Turn over your left hand, with your right hand gently take hold of your left as if holding someone else's hand.

Jesus embodied God's compassion; he met with the sick and the dying; he promised comfort to those who mourn.

We pray for those who are sick, suffering or mourning. We pray that they will know God's healing, comfort, compassion and love.

We return our hands to the first position we held. Palms and fingers flat together, hands pointing upwards; the position traditionally adopted for prayer.

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

We remember God's promise to hear our prayers. Praying to the Creator, in the name of the Son by the power of the Holy Spirit; we continue with the Lord's Prayer.

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 #310 (red, 8:30)

"He Lives"

Special Music (11)

"Alleluia! He Lives!" — *Aldersgate Choir*

God's Word Proclaimed (8:30 *John*, 11 *Stacey*)
(*Keith*)

Psalm 4
Acts 3:12-19

Sermon (*Keith*)

"Times of Refreshing"

The Nicene Creed #880 (red, *Keith*)

PASTOR: Let us recite this affirmation of faith.

ALL: **We believe in one God. . . .**

Offertory (*John*)

God has made known to us the ways of life. Giving and sharing of our time, talent, treasure and witness is one of the privileges made possible by God's gracious gifts to us. "I give," someone has said, "because I have been given."

(8:30)

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" — arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

(11)

"Thine Be the Glory" — G.F. Handel

Doxology (to the tune of #95 red)

“Praise God”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

MUSIC: attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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

PASTOR: Generous God, the easiest gifts to offer in your name are the gifts of things. With little effort and not much thought, we can give away a bit of money, a loaf of bread, a bag of clothes, or a pair of shoes that hurt our feet. We find it far more difficult to give when the gift most needed is that of words of reconciliation, or strategies for nonviolent solutions to conflict, or the gift of ourselves as bridges that bring people together.

ALL: **In this moment we dedicate to you both the things that we give with ease and the most difficult gifts we ever offer, ourselves. Accept and bless us and our gifts so that both become a source of good news for all who are disbelieving and wondering and a proclamation of our resurrection faith. In the name of the risen Lord. Amen.**

Hymn #261 (red)

“Lord of the Dance”

Commissioning and Blessing (*Keith*)

PASTOR: Put your trust in God as you face another week: God affirms you and claims your faithfulness.

ALL: **We will open our hearts and minds to the goodness of God. We seek to follow faithfully where Christ leads.**

PASTOR: We have been touched by Easter mystery and wonder. Let us live as God’s beloved children.

ALL: **What we will become has not been revealed. We are confident in God’s will for us.**

PASTOR: Go in the peace and grace of God to share peace and grace with all you meet. In the name of God, the Creator, Jesus the Risen Savior and the Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

(Thank you to those who have participated in today’s worship.
You are invited to stay and listen to the Postlude or leave as you wish.)

Postlude (8:30)

(11)

“And Can It Be that I Should Gain” — arr. Lloyd Larson

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” — G.P. DaPalestrina

(Parts of this liturgy have been taken from “Led by Love” by Lavon Bayler)

Announcements

Today, April 14

Native American Ministries Sunday

- 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. *The Chosen* “Thunder” season 2, episode 1 — Room 4
- 9:45 a.m. A.K.T.S. (Aldersgate Kids Take on Service) Noah’s Ark Craft with Katie Softley— Room 2
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/812243946?pwd=clRSQUlOZjYrQjIyZHk0aTZvQzFMQT09>
Meeting ID: 812 243 946
Password: 021075
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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/812243946?pwd=clRSQUlOZjYrQjIyZHk0aTZvQzFMQT09>



Monday, April 15

- 7:00 p.m. Church Council with D.S. Nancy Tomlinson — Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 16

National Healthcare Decisions Day

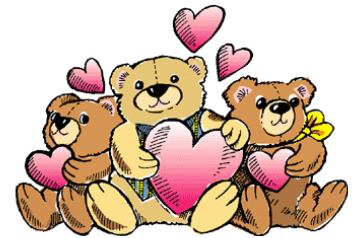
- 9:00 a.m. Artisans
- 2:00 p.m. Marketing Team — Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Book Club *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom — Room 4

Wednesday, April 17

- 1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4. Tie quilts for missions.
- 3:00 p.m. Dementia Support Group — Stauffer’s Café, 5600 S. 48th St.
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, April 18

- 12:30 p.m. Worship & Prayer Service — Theater, Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn
- 2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — Zoom. Share prayer concerns.
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81939800475?pwd=K1EwbjFqTTZ3OS9rNnBHSC9ubWZyQT09>
Meeting ID: 819 3980 0475
Passcode: 832006
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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81939800475?pwd=K1EwbjFqTTZ3OS9rNnBHSC9ubWZyQT09>
- 7:00 p.m. *AfterGrief: Finding Our Way Along the Long Arc of Loss* with Hope Edelman, NY Times bestselling author — First Plymouth Church, 20th & D



Friday, April 19

Faith Climate Action Week

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

Saturday, April 20

- 8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast — Room 4
- 8:00 a.m. Crown Point Townhomes meeting — Sunshine Room
- 9:00 a.m. Blue River District Spring Retreat — South Gate U.M. Church, 3500 Pioneers

Next Sunday, April 21 Festival of God's Creation

- 8:30 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online
- 9:45 a.m. *The Chosen* — Room 4
- 9:45 a.m. A.K.T.S. (Aldersgate Kids Take on Service) Game Sunday with Katie Softley — Room 2
- 11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
- 12:15 p.m. Potato Bake — Sunshine Room
- 1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom
- 4:00 p.m. Lincoln Organ Showcase with Elena Baquerizo — First Lutheran Church, 1551 S. 70th St.

Tuesday, April 23

- 1:30 p.m. Lincoln Caregiver Education Group (Resources to Assist Caregivers at Home) — Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class — South Gate U.M. Church

Wednesday, April 24 Administrative Professionals Day

- 7:00 p.m. Earth Steward Ministry “Flooding in Lincoln” with Dave Landis — Worship Center

Saturday, April 27

- 8:30 a.m. Spring Biomass Clean-up — Aldersgate Gardens

Wednesday, May 1 May Day

- 1:30 p.m. Book Club *Signal Fires* by Dani Shapiro — Room 4

Friday, May 3 May Friendship Day

- 11:30 a.m. Grand Generation — Lee’s Chicken, 1940 W. Van Dorn. Seniors fellowship together.

Prayer List

Birthdays This Week

- 14** Ann Irvin
- 16** Mary K. Burns (70)
- 18** Cherie & Dennis Frederick
- 20** Kara Steward



Nadyne Bauer has had cataract surgery

Dick Easley	Judy Faubel	Dennis Frederick
Shirley Hanley	Keller Hustad	Dallas Huston
Laura Marshall	Lynda Nordyke	Larry, Sandy Gores’ dad
Zach Steward	Roxanne & Richard Swyers	Jacob

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

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

Ava Miles, Phyllis Nelson’s niece, was diagnosed with gastroparesis. Prayers for healing, that her new medication helps and wisdom for the medical team.

Jennifer Miles, Phyllis Nelson’s niece

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

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

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

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

People in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine