

# Aldersgate

## United Methodist Church



### 9:00 a.m.

With Pastor John Goldrich serving  
Newman U.M. Church  
Videographer: Nancy Taylor  
Song Leaders: Dan and Kara Steward  
Greeter: Dan Steward

**August 14, 2022**  
U.M. Student Day

### 11:00 a.m. Service

Lector: Harry Kellenbarger  
Greeter: Stacey Lienemann

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members  
Pastor: Joseph Rafique  
Keyboardist : Deanna Steward  
Organist: Jan Malone  
Director of Music: Julie Clopper-Smith  
Administrative Assistant: Stacey Lienemann  
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*Worshippers are welcomed to use their own terminology for God.  
If you are considering membership, please contact our pastor, 402-489-1510.*

# Order of Worship

August 14, 2022

**Prelude** (9)  
(11)

“He Who Began Good Work in You” — arr. Jay Rouse  
“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” — arr. D. Musselman

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

**Call to Worship** (9 *Joseph*, 11 *Harry*)

PASTOR: Return, faithful people of God, to the fold. God welcomes you to this hour of prayer.

ALL: **God calls us by name and awaits our coming. God summons us out of hiding.**

PASTOR: God like a shepherd, cares for his flock. God like a gardener carefully tends his vines.

ALL: **Surely God has provided richly for us. Our lives are sustained by God’s good gifts.**

PASTOR: Worship the one who longs for our coming. Sing praise to the one who expects our faithfulness.

ALL: **We call on God, who gives us life. May God’s face shine on us to save us.**

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

PASTOR: Surrounded by a rich heritage of faith, we seek to know you, God, in this time of worship. Thankful for our spiritual ancestors, we return to our roots to find our true identity.

ALL: **We lay aside all that weighs us down and fills us with doubts so we can give attention to your call and your message. Meet us here, and strengthen our faith to lead lives as committed disciples. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Hymn #79** (red, vs. 1-4)

**“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”**

Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee;  
all on earth thy scepter claim; all in heaven above adore thee.  
Infinite thy vast domain; everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

3. Lo! the apostolic train joins thy sacred name to hallow;  
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow.  
And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

4. Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name thee,  
though in essence only one; undivided God we claim thee,  
and adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

WORDS: Ignaz Franz, 18<sup>th</sup> cent.; trans. by Clarence Walworth, 1853

MUSIC: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, ca. 1774

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

ALL: **O God, after all you have done for us, we have failed to bear fruit for you. We have turned away from your Word and have forgotten to call on your name. People who are weak, lonely, and destitute receive little help from our hands because we are preoccupied with our own concerns. Lift us from the shadows of our own deceits and let your face shine on us so we may walk once more in your truth. Amen.**

PASTOR: God “does not deal with us according to our sins, not repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear God; as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103:10-12

ALL: **Thanks be to God**

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

PASTOR: We will pause after each petition to share names and situations important to us.  
Loving God, you tend to us with such care. Listen now as we unburden ourselves of the joys and the concerns we carry. Listen to the names of those who need healing. (pause)  
Listen to the challenges we face in unemployment, in finances, in habits, in fears. (pause)  
Listen to the things we do not understand. (pause)  
Listen to the places where we hurt in heart, spirit, mind or body. (pause)  
Listen to how happiness rises in us as we think of birthdays, reunions, vacations and celebrations. (pause)  
Listen and tend to us as we pray for our families. (pause)  
And let us remember in prayer the One through whom we pray: whose way is love, whose wisdom is justice, whose heart is compassion, whose promise and call is peace and 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.**

## Special Music

“You Are Mine” — Dan & Kara Steward

## God's Word Proclaimed (9 John, 11 Harry) Hebrews 11:29–12:2

Today's reading comes from a larger section of the letter to the Hebrews. Last week we heard how people of old did extraordinary things “by faith.” This week's reading tells how people in the church wondered why some of them were having a tough time. Others mistreated them because they were followers of Jesus, and horrible things happened to some people. While most Christians knew that suffering is a part of life, God does not make it happen. Someone wrote a letter to others to remind them that God was with them no matter what. Here is part of what the letter said. Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2.

## Sermon (Joseph)

### Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self (Joseph)

PASTOR: Gracious God, who filled all heaven and earth with good things for us to enjoy and share, like countless others before us we honor and offer ourselves to you. Take all that we have and are and use that for the work of making your reign real on earth as it is in heaven.

ALL: **In doing so we look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, as our model in facing all circumstances and giving ourselves for others. Give each of us perseverance to run the race and win the prize. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

## Hymn #2196 (black)

### “We Walk by Faith”

We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;  
yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound;  
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

4. That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light  
We may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.

5. We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear  
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

WORDS: Henry Alford, alt.  
MUSIC: attr. to Hugh Wilson

### **Back to School Message**

*Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr.*

### **Blessing of the Backpacks** (*John*)

God of fresh starts and new beginnings, we bring ourselves and our backpacks to you. In our backpacks, we carry blank pages, sharpened pencils and pointy crayons, and in our hearts, we carry big feelings, unanswered questions and hopeful expectations. There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring — of what we might learn, who we might meet and who we might become. God, our friend who is always with us, be with us through it all. Be with us as we ride the bus. Be with us as we walk. Be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip-up jackets, and tie shoes. However we get there, and whatever we wear, bless this journey into something new. For the grown-ups going back to school, With-Us God, be with them too. Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers and leaders, and for all they do to help us learn and grow. God, our friend who's full of wonder, fill their hearts and bless their hands. Amen.

### **Commissioning and Blessing** (*John*)

PASTOR: God's Word is more powerful than fire or earthquake. It is given to shake us from our complacency.

ALL: **We are aware of the weak and needy among us. God will perfect and equip us for our service.**

PASTOR: Let us be determined to run the race that is ahead of us. Take with you the blessings of Christ, who leads and makes faith complete; the blessing of our Heavenly Mother and Father from whom we come; and the blessing of the Holy Spirit, who breathes life into us all. May the God of our ancestors lead you into the future.

ALL: **Amen. Amen.**

### **Postlude** (9)

“Sunday Joy!” — Mark Hayes

(11)

“The Battle Belongs to the Lord” — arr. M. Hayes

# Announcements

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## Today, August 14, 2022 **United Methodist Student Day**

9:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt21eDWxyIs1fpzpfifo4LYg/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. Faith Stories with Jim Miller — Room 4

11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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## Monday, August 15

7:00 p.m. Church Council — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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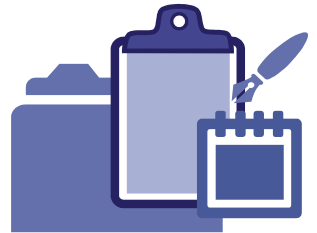
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## Tuesday, August 16

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

## Wednesday, August 17

7:00 p.m. Learning Key Result Team — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Thursday, August 18**

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

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Friday, August 19**

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

**Saturday, August 20**

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4

**Next Sunday, August 21, 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

11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

**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.

**Sunday, August 28**

10:00 a.m. Faith Stories "Music and Your Spiritual Journey" with Keith Johnson and Mary K. Burns — Worship Center. Please come with your favorite song in mind (not necessarily a hymn) that brings back fond memories.

**Tuesday, September 6**

11:30 a.m. Grand Generation — Stauffer's Café & Pie Shoppe, 5600 S. 48th. Seniors socialize over lunch.

**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. Share in food, fun and fellowship by playing cards.

**Monday, September 12**

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

**Thursday, September 15**

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

**Saturday, September 17**

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4