

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

October 16, 2022
Laity Sunday

9:00 a.m.

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

11:00 a.m. Service

Lector: Jim Miller
Greeter: 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.*



**...SERVE ONE
ANOTHER
WITH
WHATEVER
GIFT EACH OF
YOU HAS
RECEIVED.**

1 PETER 4:10



Greeting and Announcements (9:00 *John*, 11:00 *Jim*)

Music for Centering Prayer (9) “O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go” — arr. Mark Hayes
(11) “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” — arr. P. Keveren

Call to Worship (9 *John*, 11 *Jim*)

PASTOR: Moses said to God: “I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.”

ALL: **But God sent him anyway.**

PASTOR: Jeremiah said: “I am just a boy.”

ALL: **But God spoke through him anyway.**

PASTOR: Mary was perplexed by the angel’s visit,

ALL: **but God still invited her to give birth to Jesus.**

PASTOR: God invites us to understand that we have gifts and we are needed: whether old or young; tired or energetic; quick or slow. Whomever we are, however we are,

ALL: **we hear your call, O God. We have come.**

Opening Prayer (9 *John*, 11 *Jim*)

PASTOR: God of signs and wonders, God of every surprise, we are eager to meet you here, to hear your Word, to learn from you, to be changed by you and to become more fully the people you intend for us to be.

ALL: **Show us how to do the work you have planned for us. Equip us as your faithful stewards. Grant us such joyful and thankful hearts that choose to follow you above and before all else. We want to celebrate your bounty, we want to leave it healthy for those who come after us, and together want to learn to live as responsible, compassionate people. In the name of Jesus the Christ, listen to us we pray. Amen.**

Hymn #140 (red)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee,
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou has been, thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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

PASTOR: The mystery of our call is revealed, not to an elite few, but to all believers. Yet we continue to pursue and protect our own interests. If loyalty to God calls for faithful stewardship in love, we have much to confess.

ALL: **God, you call us time and again. We admit our retreat into the shadows of pretension. How often we choose to give preference to what we think needs to be done instead of what you want us to do. We find it easier to give heed to the other voices in the world that call us than yours. We judge the poor and join their oppressors, while you call us to identify with those in need. We imagine that we alone are faithful stewards of your grace and all that we possess. Save us from our earthbound thinking, decisions and judgements, that we may look up and be guided by your call and will. Awed by your forgiving presence, we fall down to worship you. Amen.**

PASTOR: In the silence of the universe, there is presence too deep for words. The works of God surround us, bearing witness to an unseen hand. The shepherd will guide us to springs of living water and our tears will be wiped away. Through forgiveness, God frees us to live boldly and courageously. Praise God for what God has done for you. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

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

PASTOR: Creator God, healing God, we come before you with wounds in our hearts and in our bodies: illnesses and griefs; difficult relationships; financial problems; harsh words said that we cannot retract; pain we have inflicted and pain we carry. We seek your help.

For our friends and family members: (pause)

For our congregation, our country and for all nations: (pause)

For those we do not know, here and abroad: (pause)

We ask that your tender arms surround those in pain. May there be healing where healing is possible. May all know your loving, caring presence. Remind us that we can, each of us, be the means of carrying your love to others. We can be your hands and feet in this world, no matter how strong or how smart we are. Help us to see how we can shine the light of your love and care to those who need to see it and be warmed by it.

What else shall we pray for? (pause)

Gracious God, may all our petitions reach the throne of your mercy. All this we ask in the name of Jesus who taught his disciples to pray saying:

ALL: (Please note: today we are using the Contemporary English Version of The Lord's Prayer)

Our Father in heaven, help us to honor your name. Come and set up your kingdom, so that everyone on earth will obey you, as you are obeyed in heaven. Give us our food for today. Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others. Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil. The kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours forever. Amen.

Hymn #572 (red)

"Pass It On"

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;
you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.

2. What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding;
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

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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Special Music (11:00)

“Here I Am, Lord” — *Aldersgate Choir with Dianne Fryendall-Smith, flute*

Commissioning and Blessing (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: God sends us as stewards not as master to tend to his earth.

ALL: **We will open our eyes to the presence of God and to look for God’s activity all around us.**

PASTOR: God’s purposes are to be lived out by us. We are called to invite others to the master’s banquet.

ALL: **We will witness to all we have heard and seen. By God’s power, we will make every effort to manage well all that has been entrusted to us.**

PASTOR: To this end, may the Lord keep our life, make us strong for faithful stewardship. May the Lord keep our going out and coming in from this time on and forever. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

Postlude (9)

“Thy Word” — arr. Mark Hayes

(11)

“Down to the River to Pray/Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” — arr. M. McDonald

Announcements

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Today, October 16 Laity Sunday

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. Children's Sunday School — Room 2

10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School — Room 1

11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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Monday, October 17

7:00 p.m. Church Council — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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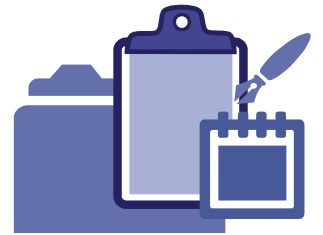
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Tuesday, October 18

7:00 p.m. Book Club *Hell of a Book* by Jason Mott — Room 4

Wednesday, October 19

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice — Worship Center

Thursday, October 20

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

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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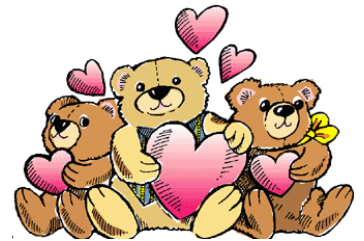
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Saturday, October 22

10:00 a.m. Herbal Society — Sunshine Room

6:00 p.m. LeFevre Quartet — Piedmont Park Church, 4801 'A' St.

Next Sunday, October 23

- 7:30-11:30 a.m. Good Life Halfsy — Seacrest-Haymarket. Be aware of street closures.
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. Children's Sunday School — Room 2
10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School — Sunshine Room
11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center
1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom
4:30-6:30 p.m. Pulled Pork BBQ — Waverly First U.M. Church, 14410 Folkestone St. Dine-in and take-out (from the north parking lot) is available. \$10 adults choice of baked beans or coleslaw. \$5 kids for chicken tenders, mac. & cheese, baby carrots and a cookie.

Next Monday, October 24

- 11:00 a.m. "God, Poverty and Politics" by Rev. Dr. David Beckmann, President Emeritus of Bread for the World — ground level dining room, St. Paul U.M. Church. His presentation will be followed by lunch and dialogue. The lunch will be a deli sandwich bar for a free will offering. Please RSVP at davidjlux@gmail.com or 402-770-3453 so there is enough food.

Tuesday, October 25

- 11:00 a.m. Update on Ukraine, Voices from the Field, United Women in Faith. To register: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtc-CpqjwrH9ANnhcK34sZNYxLArvmAuo4](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91234567890)
7:00 p.m. Earth Stewards — zoom

Saturday, October 29

- 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Creative Praying with the St. John's Bible — St. Benedict's Center, 1123 Rd. I, Schuyler. Facilitated by Glenda Dietrich Moore. Cost: \$57.08 includes materials and meal. Starting with selected sections of scripture along with the illuminations from the St. John's Bible, we'll be invited to visually express what is in our hearts. Very simple art materials will be used in a nonthreatening manner while focusing on the process rather than the end product. No previous art experience is necessary. Please register no later than Sunday, October 23 at <https://christthekingpriory.com/retreats-schedule>

Sunday, October 30 Tree Sabbath

- 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. John preach. Newman U.M. Church invited.
10:00 a.m. Trick-or-Treat for U.N.I.C.E.F. Remember to bring your change. Kids are invited to wear their costumes.

Tuesday, November 1 All Saints Day

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

Wednesday, November 2

- 1:30 p.m. Book Club *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult — zoom

Thursday, November 3

- 7:00 p.m. Power Up! "Electricity Generation and Public Policy" — zoom link at www.firstplymouth.org/CAT

Sunday, November 6 All Saints Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Worship — live streamed and in person in the Worship Center
10:00 a.m. No Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship — Newman U.M. Church, 2242 'R' St.

Tuesday, November 8

- 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Election Day — Fellowship Hall