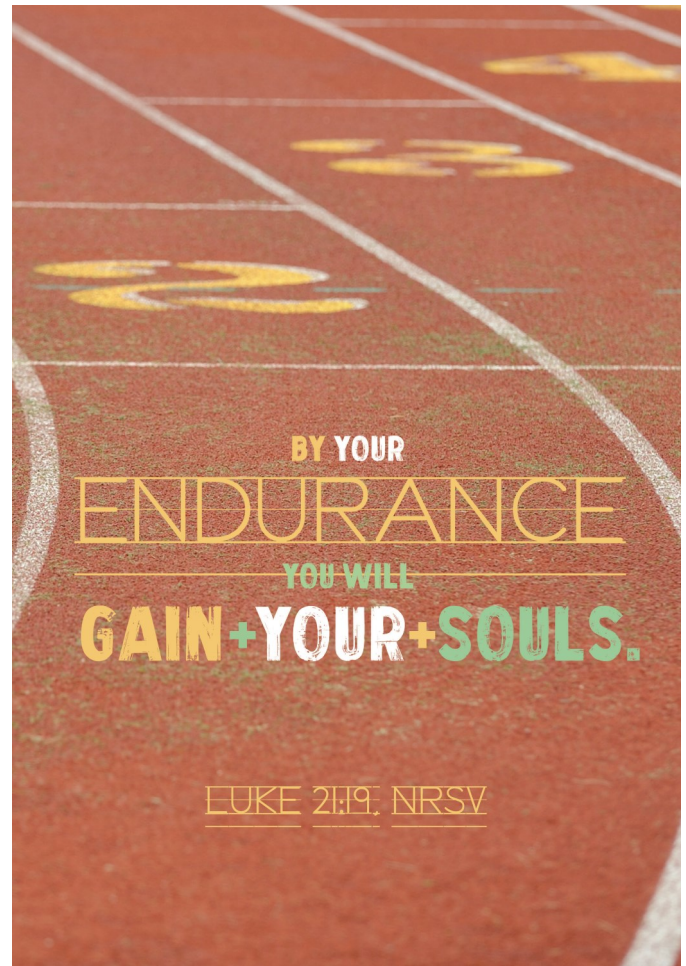


Aldersgate United Methodist Church



9:00 a.m.

With Pastor John Goldrich serving Newman
U.M. Church

Videographer: Nancy Taylor

Song Leaders: Dan and Kara Steward

11:00 a.m.

Lector: Jan Malone

Ministers: All of Aldersgate's Members
Pastor: Joseph Rafique
Director of Music: Julie Clopper-Smith
Keyboardist: Deanna Steward
Organist: Jan Malone
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November 13, 2022

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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November 13, 2022

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

Music for Centering Prayer (9) “It Is Well With My Soul” — arr. Marianne Kim
(11) “It Is Well With My Soul” — arr. P. Bliss

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

PASTOR: The God of new beginnings,
ALL: **begins with us here in this place.**
PASTOR: The God of re-creation,
ALL: **re-creates dead ends into new living.**
PASTOR: The God of dreams,
ALL: **dreams in us a new world.**
PASTOR: The God of wholeness,
ALL: **brings a new kind of harmony into this world.**
PASTOR: The God of vision,
ALL: **envisions new possibilities in us.**
PASTOR: The God of love,
ALL: **loves our lives and yet makes them new.**
PASTOR: Come, let us worship our wondrous God.

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

PASTOR: God, you are creating a new heaven and a new earth and you call us to be part of that re-creation. So here we gather, to hear again your good news for this world and for ourselves.
ALL: **Open our eyes to see what you are doing, open our ears to hear your words that create this new thing, and open our hearts to the re-creation that begins for us, here in this community. Bless us in hearing your promises today as we offer ourselves in worship and trust in your good news here among us. Amen.**

Hymn #110 (red)

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

WORDS & MUSIC: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; trans. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853;
harm. from *The New Hymnal for American Youth*, 1930

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

PASTOR: We come to renew our relationship with God, knowing we are often led astray by our busyness, our greed, and our hope for gain without effort. Sometimes arrogant, often putting our trust in things, we neglect the spiritual dimension of our lives. Let us confess the emptiness we often feel.

ALL: **Creator God, sometimes we struggle to see ourselves as creators made in your image. Sometimes we forget that you made us in love, and that you call us to love you in return. Sometimes we remember too clearly the pains and heartaches of the past. Sometimes we cling to them and even re-create those painful times. Sometimes we ignore your promise for our future. Sometimes we forget to turn to you in prayer. We forget to call on your name. Forgive us, gracious God. Amen.**

PASTOR: God says: I am renewing heaven and Earth and I shall be with you. Even now, I forgive. Even now, I re-create. Even now, I call you into something new. I am renewing heaven and Earth and I am beginning with you, today. Amen.

ALL: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

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

PASTOR: God of heaven and Earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in his name. Confident in your love and mercy we offer our prayer.

A day is coming when the world will rejoice: when anger will no longer be a motive, when fear will no longer be the reason, but anger and fear will give way to healing, to comfort, to God.

ALL: **May this vision be seen more fully in us.**

PASTOR: We envision a day when the world will rejoice: when power will no longer be found in armaments, when strength will not be found through oppression, but armaments and oppression will give way to justice, to freedom, to God.

ALL: **May this vision be seen more fully in us.**

PASTOR: We hope for a day when the world will rejoice: when people will no longer be suspicious, when terror will no longer control us, but suspicion and terror will give way to community, to love, to God.

ALL: **May this vision be seen more fully in us.**

PASTOR: We imagine a day when the world will rejoice: when creation will no longer cry out from abuse, when creatures will no longer suffer needlessly, but abuse and suffering will give way to care, to harmony, to God.

ALL: **May this vision be seen more fully in us.**

PASTOR: What other prayer needs would you like to lift up? (pause) Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: **hear our prayer.**

PASTOR: Let us wrap up these, our spoken as well as our unspoken needs, in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples 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 #377 (red, 9:00)

“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.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O 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

Special Music (11:00)

“Great, Great Morning” — *Aldersgate Choir*

God’s Word Proclaimed (9 *Joseph*, 11 *Jan*)

Isaiah 65:17-25

Luke 21:5-19

Sermon (9 *John*)

(11 *Joseph*)

“Some Things Must Take Place”

“Expecting Jesus’ Return By Keep Doing Works of Justice and Mercy”

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

ALL: **Keep us in hope and attuned to your presence and working, O God. Then may these and all our gifts, given for your vision of a just and peaceable creation, be used well. May they bring your realm to flower here among us and in all places, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Hymn #717 (red)

“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
his truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

2. I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,
they have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
his day is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

3. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

4. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
while God is marching on.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

5. He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
he is wisdom to the mighty, he is honor to the brave;
so the world shall be his footstool, and the soul of wrong his slave.
Our God is marching on.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

WORDS: Julia Ward Howe
MUSIC: 19th cent. US campmeeting tune

Commissioning and Blessing (*Joseph*)

PASTOR: We have no reason to fear the storms within nor the storms without for we are bound together in a strong community of love. And wherever there is love, there is God.

ALL: **May we be a people of enduring vision and hope, O God, renewing the Earth with transforming love.**

PASTOR: To this, your resolve, may the presence of God the Creator give you strength, may the presence of God the Redeemer give you peace and may the presence of God the Sustainer give you comfort both this day and forever. Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

Postlude (9)
(11)

“He Is Exalted” — arr. James Koerts
“Armed Forces Medley” — arr. J. Hammerly

Announcements

Today, November 13, 2022

9:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center and online <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt21eDWxyIs1fpzpfifo4LYg/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. Lincoln Interfaith Justice Ministries — Room 4

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

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2:00 p.m. Church Conference — South Gate U.M. Church, 3500 Pioneers

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



Monday, November 14

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) "World Thank Offering" — Room 4

5:30 p.m. Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma — Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Trustees — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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Tuesday, November 15

7:00 p.m. Book Club *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult — Room 4

Wednesday, November 16

1:30 p.m. Stitcheroos — Room 4

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

Thursday, November 17

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

2:30 p.m. Care Ministry — zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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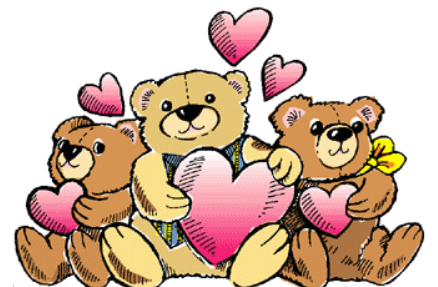
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What Are You Thankful for?

For our Thanksgiving Eve service, we'd like to share what you are thankful for. Give it some thought then contact the Church Office by Monday, November 21 with your gratitude.

Friday, November 18

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

Saturday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast — Room 4. Catered by Hy-Vee.

Next Sunday, November 20, 2022 **Reign of Christ 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

10:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting — Worship Center

11:00 a.m. Worship — Worship Center

1:30 p.m. Virtual Fellowship — zoom

2:00 p.m. Virtual Author Visit with Amor Towles. You may register on lincolnlibraries.org or view it at Bennett Martin, 136 S. 14th St.; Gere, 2400 S. 56th; or Walt, 6701 S. 14th St.

Next Monday, November 21

7:00 p.m. Church Council — zoom

Tuesday, November 22

7:00 p.m. Earth Stewards — zoom

Wednesday, November 23

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service — Worship Center

Sunday, November 27 **First Sunday of Advent**

10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School Advent Crafts — Sunshine Room

Thursday, December 1

10:00 a.m. Food Bank Tour — 1221 Kingbird Rd.

Saturday, December 3

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Lay Speaker Training — Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 5

1:30 p.m. United Women in Faith Christmas Gathering — Legacy Estates, 7200 Van Dorn

Tuesday, December 6

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

Wednesday, December 7

1:30 p.m. Book Club *The Secret Daughter* by Shilpi Somaya Gowda — zoom

Friday, December 9

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