



Happening This Week: July 30 – August 5

Community Outreach Focus: STEP School Supply Drive. July and August is the time we support STEP in their annual school supply drive. A copy of the list is available at the entrance to the sanctuary. You can also go directly to STEP's web site for that list as well as for more ways to give: www.stepslp.org

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Aldersgate Church is a Creator-centered, Jesus-shaped, Spirit-led community seeking to create atmospheres of spiritual connection, healing, and growth. We are an inclusive community, believing that God loves, honors, and celebrates all people regardless of age, race, nation, gender identity, background, sexual orientation, abilities, or socio-economic position. We believe that God calls us to embody God's radical love by cultivating a space free from harassment, judgment, hate, or discrimination. We hope you find spiritual connection, healing, and growth in worship today. Thanks for joining us!



Sunday, July 30, 2023
Order of Worship

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" (UMH #64)

Prayer Requests (raise your hand if you have a prayer request)

Prayer Song: "Seek Ye First" (UMH #405)

Morning Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Message

Pastor Christy Key

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Closing Hymn: "The Summons" (TFWS #2130, vs. 1, 3-5)

Blessing

Postlude

Hymn Sing following coffee time

Call to Worship

ALL: The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

ONE: A mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

ALL: The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

ONE: Yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all was leavened.

ALL: The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

ONE: Treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then joyfully sells all he has and buys the field.

ALL: The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

ONE: A merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one of great value, sells all of his possessions and buys the pearl.

ALL: The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

ONE: Let all who have ears, hear.

Opening Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Verse 1: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Verse 2: Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and ever more shalt be.

Verse 3: Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful ones thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Verse 4: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Prayer Song: “Seek Ye First”

Verse 1: Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Verse 2: Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Closing Song: “The Summons”

Verse 1: Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Verse 3: Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Verse 4: Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Verse 5: Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grown in you and you in me.