



**Happening This Week:** October 8-14

Tuesday: Tuesday Testaments, 10:00am, Sanctuary  
Jubilee! Bell choir rehearsal, 6:45pm, Sanctuary

Thursday: Band rehearsal, 6:30pm, Sanctuary  
Women's Book Club, 7:00pm, Elevator room

**SAVE the DATE: Sunday, October 22**

It's back: Potluck Bingo Day! Hosted by the Congregational Care Team, potluck begins at noon; please bring a dish to share, beverages will be provided, then bingo to follow with prizes!

**October Community Outreach Focus: UMCOR for Ukraine**

Aldersgate will be collecting monetary donations to send to UMCOR specifically for Ukraine. Please see the handout provided for more details.

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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, October 8, 2023**  
**Order of Worship**

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Unison Prayer

Opening Hymn: "My Hope Is Built" (UMH #368)

Children's Message Cleo Bonham

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

Prayer Song: "It Is Well" (UMH #377, vs. 1 & 4)

Morning Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Children dismissed to Kids' Time

Message: "The Parable of the Tenants" Pastor Christy Key  
Matthew 21:33-46

Closing Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" (UMH #77)

Blessing

Postlude

### Unison Prayer

*O Lord, our God, you are worthy of all our praise. You are the God who never fails to keep your promises. We thank you that in Jesus' life, death and resurrection we see your love, justice, mercy, provision and victory. You are the God who lifts up those who are weighed down. You are the God who provides for your children. Our desire is to praise you as long as we live. Inhabit our praises as we gather together today. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.*

### Opening Hymn: "My Hope Is Built"

Verse 1: My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Verse 2: When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Verse 3: His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

Verse 4: When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

### Children's Message Song: "This, This is Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song. This is where children belong.

### Prayer Song: "It Is Well"

Verse 1: 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.

Refrain: It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse 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.

### Closing Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

Verse 1: O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds they hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

Verse 2: When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Verse 3: And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;

Verse 4: When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!