



# ALDERSGATE

## United Methodist Church

Dear Prayer Warrior,

Thank you for volunteering to undergird one of Aldersgate's worship services with your prayers. Below is a *Prayer Guide* which is offered for your assistance should you choose to use it. Please feel free to pray as the Lord leads. You may choose to pray from home as you follow the service on either Facebook or the church's website, or you may pray at the church during the service either in the sanctuary or in the prayer closet just off the atrium.

We ask that you pray during the 10:30 worship service. The *Prayer Guide* offers Scripture, hymns, and prayers of confession to prepare your heart for intercession **before** the service begins. If you are following the *Prayer Guide* this should take about 10 minutes. The *Order of Worship* is usually available on the church's website at [aldersgateumc.org/sunday-worship](http://aldersgateumc.org/sunday-worship) if you would like to use that as a guide.

May God bless you for your service.

Aldersgate Prayer Team

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## Worship Service Prayer Guide

BEGIN PREPARING YOUR HEART FOR PRAYER THIS MORNING BY FOCUSING ON WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD – FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT, THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND HYMNS.

### **A Call to Worship and Obedience - Psalm 95: 1-7**

*1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
3 For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
5 The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.*

*6 O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.*

### **A Psalm of Thanksgiving - Psalm 100**

*1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
2 Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.  
3 Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.  
5 For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

**O Worship the King** (*The United Methodist Hymnal*, p. 73)

O worship the King, all glorious above;  
o gratefully sing God's power and God's love,  
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, oh sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,  
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

**To God Be the Glory** (*The United Methodist Hymnal*, p. 98)

To God be the glory:  
Great things He has done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father  
Through Jesus the Son, and  
Give Him the glory,  
Great things He has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father  
Through Jesus the Son, and  
Give Him the glory,  
Great things He has done

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father  
Through Jesus the Son, and  
Give Him the glory,  
Great things He has done!

#### CONTINUE WITH CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Spend time before the Lord preparing your heart for intercession as you confess and repent first of your own personal sins and then those of Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

Merciful God, I confess that we as a church have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, I pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**1 John 1:9** – *“If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

## INTERCEDE FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE AND ALL THOSE PARTICIPATING

Lord, I humbly ask Your presence not only in this gathering place today but also in the homes of those attending remotely. I ask You to bless each person who enters this sanctuary or tunes into the service from home or elsewhere to know Your gift of eternal life and Your Holy Spirit.

- If you have access to today's order of worship, look over that prayerfully.
- Pray for those who are leading worship today
  - For Rev. Steve Badskey and all of the singers and musicians
  - For Rev. Dr. Brian Miller or whoever will deliver the sermon
  - For Miles Barnhart and Paxton Adkison who represent our youth and children
- Pray for those attending in person, for those connecting from home remotely, and for those unable to connect
- Pray for the technology being used to send out our service without any glitches or problems and for all the technicians working to meet all the needs
- Pray for God to be glorified as this is the true purpose of worship

As announcements are made, pray for God to open ears and hearts to hear and respond to His call to service and discipleship.

As songs of worship are lifted up, pray that all will truly worship the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and that the old and familiar becomes new and the new becomes comfortingly familiar; pray that worship becomes personal and moving.

Pray that the Apostle's Creed resonates deeply and with new conviction for all.

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

As Paxton gives the children's moment, pray for the children and young families of our church that they would know Jesus' love.

Pray that the morning prayer resonates in the hearts of all who hear and for the Lord's Prayer to have special meaning on this day.

*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.*

Thank God for the gifts that will be given today as people give back to God out of all He has provided for them. Thank Him for those faithful ones who tithe or go beyond the tithe, for those who give to Faith Promise as God has led in support of our mission partners, for those who give the “widow’s mite” or beyond. Pray for those who have not yet discovered the joy of giving generously to have their hearts touched this day with conviction to do more. Pray for all to see their giving as a form of worship.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

As the Prayer for Illumination is prayed, pray for God to open the minds and hearts of all who hear to understand and believe God’s Word as it is read.

*Gracious God, heaven and earth will pass away, but your words will not pass away: Your Word stands forever. May we be attentive so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we remember your ways and gladly do right, meeting you wherever and whenever you appear. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.*

Ask the Holy Spirit to fill Brian (or whoever is preaching this Sunday) with power and anoint him with authority as he communicates Your Word, such that conviction and commitment exceed anything we’ve witnessed before. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill all those listening to this sermon and set us on fire that we might yearn to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Pray for all to humbly seek God’s will and use the gifts given to them to His glory. Pray that we will live into our mission “To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known” and that all will ask with a sincere heart, “Lord, what do You want to do through me to fulfill Your will at Aldersgate?”

If this is Communion Sunday, pray that the service of Communion isn’t just something being done out of habit, but may it truly impact all who partake of the body and blood of our Lord and Savior. May they all grasp the mystery of faith that Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again. Halleluiah!

As all are dismissed to go into the world, pray that each person, whether attending in person or remotely, will sense their call to be disciples of Jesus Christ going forth in the power of the Holy Spirit to serve others and to make disciples.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS WORSHIP SERVICE WITH YOUR TIME AND YOUR PRAYERS.

*The Lord bless you and keep you;*

*the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;*

*the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)*