

WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT WRONG

Sermon Series



mental health apathy sexuality hypocrisy racism bigotry
religious intolerance xenophobia sexism
two-faced politics indifference prosperity gospel ableism
unforgiving mean-spirited judgmental hate hurtful
unloving un-caring



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9:30am Online Worship



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Welcome to Worship at Aldersgate Church.

Gathering Music

Welcome

* Singing

Let it Rise • Words and music by Holland Davis

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.

Let the praises of the king rise among us. Let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.

Let the joy of the king rise among us, let it rise.

Oh, let it rise.

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.

Let the praises of the king rise among us. Let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.

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Let the joy of the king rise among us, let it rise.

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Let the praises of the king rise among us. Let it rise.

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Let the joy of the king rise among us, let it rise.

Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.

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God of Wonders • Words and music by Marc Byrd and Steve Hialong

Lord of all creation; of water, earth and sky.

The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy. You are Holy, Holy.

The universe declares Your majesty. You are Holy, Holy.

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light.

And when I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy. You are Holy, Holy.

The universe declares Your majesty. You are Holy, Holy.

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy. You are Holy, Holy. The universe declares Your majesty.

You are Holy, Holy. Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

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* Opening Prayer

Creator God, We thank you for the beauty of your Creation, and for giving us the privilege of caring for it. We confess that we have not cared for the earth with the self-sacrificing and nurturing love that you require of us. We mourn the broken relationships in creation. We repent for our part in causing the current environmental crisis that has led to climate change. Faithful God, sustainer of all—we pray with hope, because you are already at work through Christ to reconcile all of creation to Yourself and to renew all things. Now, give us your Spirit to work together to restore your creation and to hand on a safe environment and climate to our children and theirs. Let our care for creation be our act of worship and obedience to you. Your kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Community Time

* Passing of the Peace

Anthem

Miracles • Words and music by Chris Quilala, Joshua Silverberg, Dustin Smith and Stuary Gerrard Journeys

**The One who made the blind to see is moving here in front of me
Moving here in front of me the One who made the deaf to hear
Is silencing my ev'ry fear silencing my ev'ry fear**

**I believe in You. I believe in You
You're the God of miracles
I believe in You. I believe in You
You're the God of miracles**

**The One who does impossible is reaching out to make me whole
Reaching out to make me whole the One who put death in its place
His life is flowing through my veins. His life is flowing through my veins.**

**I believe in You. I believe in You
You're the God of miracles
I believe in You. I believe in You
You're the God of miracles**

**The God who was and is to come. The power of the Risen One
The God who brings the dead to life
You're the God of miracles. You're the God of miracles**

**I believe in You. I believe in You
You're the God of miracles
I believe in You. I believe in You
You're the God of miracles**

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* Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* Offertory Prayer

Scripture

Listen for the word of God

Genesis 1:1-8, Matthew 22:15-22

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Sermon

When Christians Fear Science and Misuse Politics

Randy Orndorff

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray...

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.

* Prayer for the Nation | John R.W. Stott

Lord God, we thank you for your mercy towards our nation throughout its long history. Hear us as we seek your continuing mercy in this our day. Deliver us from the sins of affluence, from pride, from materialism, and from indifference to the needs of the developing world. Inspire your Church to be the nation's conscience. Give to our leaders soundness of judgement and courage of decision; and unite us all in a common zeal to honor you and serve others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

* Singing

Let It Be Jesus • Words and music by Christ Tomlin, Jonas Myrin, and Matt Redman

**Let it be Jesus, the first name that I call. Let it be Jesus,
My song inside the storm; I'll never need another.**

**For me, to live is Christ, For me, to live is Christ.
God, I breathe your name above everything.
Let it be, let it be Jesus.**

**Let it be Jesus from the rising of the sun and let it be Jesus
When all is said and done.
I'll never need another;
Jesus, there's no other.**

**For me, to live is Christ, For me, to live is Christ.
God, I breathe your name above everything.
Let it be, let it be Jesus. Let it be, let it be Jesus.**

**Should I ever be abandoned, should I ever be acclaimed,
Should I ever be surrounded by the fire and the flame,
There's a name I will remember, there's a name I will proclaim:**

**Let it be, let it be Jesus. Let it be, let it be Jesus. Let it be, let it be:
For me, to live is Christ, For me, to live is Christ. God,
I breathe your name above everything.
Let it be, let it be Jesus.**

**For me, to live is Christ, For me, to live is Christ. God,
I breathe your name above everything.
Let it be, let it be Jesus. Let it be, let it be Jesus.**

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* Benediction

Postlude

- * Congregation standing as able.
All text in bold indicates congregation participation.

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