



June 19, 2022
11:00am Worship



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Welcome to Worship at Aldersgate Church.

Prelude

Welcome & Community Time

* Call to Worship

Our relationships with our fathers are complicated.

For some of us, our father's love is like God's love -- too deep, too long, too wide, too strong to measure.

Some of our dads are here; some were never here.

For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.

All of us are shaped by the relationship or lack of relationship with our fathers.

On this day when we remember what it means to have a father or be a father, we recognize the importance of fathers in our communities. We pledge as a congregation to love and nurture the fathers among us so that they will manifest the love of God in all that they do.

* Hymn #2212 | My Life Flows On (*How Can I Keep From Singing*)

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.

I hear the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.

It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.

What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

* Opening Prayer

Loving God, you who are our father and our mother, we thank you that you have shown us how important it is to follow your example as we grow in faith. Teach us to be obedient to your will, respecting you as children ought. Thank you for your mercy despite our disobedience. Strengthen us to stand up against the challenges of this world, honoring your name and trusting your grace. In the Name of your Son, we pray. Amen.

* Gloria

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

* Passing of the Peace

Abundantly Far More Ministry Moment

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

* Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

* Offertory Prayer

* Hymn #110 | *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.

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.

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.

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.

Scripture

Listen for the word of God

Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Ephesians 6:1-4; & 1 Corinthians 4:4-16

Anthem

Sermon

How Dads Can Prepare Their Children for Life's Battles

Ed Little

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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.

* Affirmation of Faith From Romans

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Hymn #127 | *Guide Me O thou Great Jehovah*

**Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want not more; (want no more)
feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield; (strength and shield)
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee; (give to thee)
I will ever give to thee.**

* Benediction

As you go from here, remember this: Because of the work of the Holy Spirit within us, we are sons and daughters of God. We have been adopted into his family; God is truly our Father. And if we are God's children, we are His heirs, and fellow heirs with Christ.

We go in peace and confidence, knowing that the love of God, our Father, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit goes with us. Amen.

Postlude

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

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