

Order of Worship – May 25

PRELUDE: Fred Crase

OPENING HYMN: *(standing)* #159 UM Hymnal “Lift High the Cross”

OPENING PRAYER *(standing) (all read together)*

Guiding Spirit, you come to us in visions and dreams, showing us possibilities beyond our waking reality. Open our hearts this day, that we might understand Christ’s teaching and share his presence with others. Guide our footsteps on our journeys, that we might go where you send us and share your message of love and peace with the world. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: *(standing) (Turn in orange cards and Pew Pads)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Seth

50-YEAR MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION

LAMBS OF GOD MOMENT

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER: Seth L. Leypoldt

LORD’S PRAYER: #895 UM Hymnal

HYMN: #2084 UM Hymnal “Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise”

MESSAGE: ALDERSGATE SUNDAY Romans 5:1-11
“Past, Future, Present” Arlene & Emily Allred

GIVING BACK TO GOD: Seth L. Leypoldt

DOXOLOGY: *(standing)* #94 UM Hymnal “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

HOLY COMMUNION: Hymn #23

CONFIRMATION SERVICE: Emily Nichole Allred and Arlene Frances Allred

(read at the appropriate time) We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to the Aldersgate United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. Amen.

HYMN OF BENEDICTION: *(standing)* #57 UM Hymnal “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

BENEDICTION *(standing) (all read together)*

We hear Christ’s words of peace: “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.” We rest in Christ’s assurance of comfort: “I do not give to you as the world gives.” We do not let our hearts be troubled, and we are not afraid.” We go in the peace and grace of Christ.

POSTLUDE: Fred Crase