

Heritage Sunday 2020 – Worship Resources

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Isaiah 49: 5-6	I will make you as a light to the nations
Psalms 98	A psalm of renewal: O sing to the Lord a new song.
Psalms 130*	(Aldersgate) Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord
Acts 2:1-21	(Aldersgate) The giving of the Holy Spirit
Romans 5:1-11	(Aldersgate) By faith we have peace with God
2 Peter 1:4*	(Aldersgate) On becoming a partaker of divine nature
Matthew 9:27-30a	(Aldersgate) According to your faith, let it be done
Mark 12:28-43*	(Aldersgate) You are not far from the kingdom of God
Luke 9:2-6	Sent forth to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal

** These scriptures were read by John Wesley on May 24, 1738, which became known as Aldersgate Day when he experienced his “heart strangely warmed.” This experience and the lasting impact it had on his life, faith, and growth in grace became a touchstone for the Wesleyan movement.*

HYMNS

57	O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
60	I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath
117	O God our Help in Ages Past
363	And Can It Be That I Should Gain
386-7	O Come Thou Traveler Unknown
550	Christ From Whom All Blessings Flow
553	And Are We Yet Alive
555	Forward Through the Ages
559	Christ Loves the Church
589	The Church of God in Every Age
603	Come Holy Ghost Our Souls Inspire
660	God is Here
606	Come Let Us Use the Grace Divine

See *United Methodist Hymnal Index of Topics and Categories* (pgs. 934-954) for Aldersgate, Church Anniversaries and Heritage.

CALLS TO WORSHIP

1. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I have a goodly heritage.

I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

You show me the path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.** (Psalm 16:6-11, *NRSV*, adapted)

2. Almighty God, you have raised up servants
to proclaim the gift of redemption and a life of holiness.

**For our spiritual forebearers
Susanna, John and Charles Wesley,
Barbara Heck, Francis Asbury, Jacob Albright,
Harry Hosier, Richard Allen, Jarena Lee,
Phillip William Otterbein and Martin Boehm,
inspired by your Spirit, we give thanks for a goodly heritage.**

In their ministries, through their difficulties,
in spite of their weaknesses
you were their hope and salvation.
You led them and their followers to shape a legacy that is ours.

We praise you for women and men, young and old,
on whose shoulders we now stand,
who gave themselves unselfishly for the welfare of the Church.
**Their talents, enthusiasm, idealism and dedication
infused the Church with energy.**

We give you thanks for the place of our rich tradition
among the churches comprising the Body of Christ.
**Give The United Methodist Church
a new vision, new love, new wisdom
and fresh understanding that we may serve you more fully.**
(*United Methodist Book of Worship*, No. 426, Charles Yrigoyen, adapted)

3. Listen to me,
all you who are serious about right living and committed to seeking God.
**Look to the rock from which you were cut,
ponder the quarry from which you were dug.** (Isaiah 51:1, *The Message*, adapted)

COLLECTS

1. Almighty God, in a time of great need
you raised up your servants John and Charles Wesley,
and by your Spirit inspired them to kindle a flame of sacred love
which leaped and ran, an inexhaustible blaze.
Grant that all those whose hearts have been warmed at these altar fires
being continually refreshed by your grace, may be so devoted
to the increase of scriptural holiness throughout the land
that in this our time of great need,
your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*United Methodist Book of Worship*, No. 439, Fred Gealy)
2. O God, who plucked as a brand from the burning your servant John Wesley that he might
kindle a flame of love in our hearts and illuminate our minds: Grant us such a warming of
our hearts, that we, set aflame by holy love, may spread its flames to the uttermost parts of
the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (J. E. Rattenbury)
3. Lord God, you inspired your servants John and Charles Wesley with burning zeal for the
sanctification of souls and endowed them with eloquence in speech and song: Kindle such
fervor in your church, we entreat you, that those whose faith has cooled may be warmed,
and those who have not known Christ may turn to him and be saved; who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Prayer for John and
Charles Wesley's feast day, March 3, in *Lesser Feats and Fasts*, The Episcopal Church.)

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who gave themselves unselfishly for the welfare of the Church.
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infused the Church with energy.

Their outstanding gifts and witness have shaped our thought and life.

We praise you for those countless members of your Church

on whose shoulders we stand in being the Church today...

Silence is kept to remember names of saints.

We give you thanks for the place of our rich tradition
among the churches comprising the Body of Christ.

With all your people everywhere,

give us a new vision, new love, new wisdom, and fresh understanding

that we may serve you more fully;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

Remembering our heritage as United Methodists, let our prayers for the church and the world center on the core beliefs that shape our place among the denominations of God's people.

United Methodists are rooted in a tradition of God's love warming, inspiring and igniting human hearts so that those to whom love is a stranger will find in us godly, out-reaching, and caring friends. God, reawaken this mission and purpose among us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

United Methodists are rooted in a tradition of God's grace and love harmonizing with the whole of creation. Inspire us to use the earth's resources wisely, in service to others and to the honor and glory of the Creator. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

United Methodists are rooted in a tradition of faith to be experienced. God, shape our lives by more than right-thinking but also with enthused spirits and hearts aflame. Ground us in personal and social holiness, living, loving and serving others not only with our lips but with our lives. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

United Methodists are rooted in a tradition of "spreading Scriptural holiness." God, move us beyond mere biblical literalism and narrowness to be inspired by the Bible's living word calling people to lives transformed by your unconditional love. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

United Methodists are rooted in a tradition of caring for the least, the lowly and all who suffer. God use us to bring hope and mercy to the diseases of the heart, soul and mind. Enliven us as agents of relief, healing and wholeness to all who suffer. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

United Methodists are rooted in a tradition of rekindling faith among those whose relationship with God has cooled. God, meet us where our paths go astray and in times when seek our own way alone. Forgive our sins and failings. (Silent Prayers.) Transform our weaknesses into strengths. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

United Methodists are rooted in a tradition of passionate prayer for one another. Let us now pray for the needs and concerns in our hearts and in our minds. (After biddings are spoken the congregation responds.) Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your care, O God, we present ourselves and our prayers, trusting in the power and promise of love-divine-all-loves-excelling. Forgive our sins. Fulfill our requests and desires not as we ask in ignorance, nor as we think we deserve but as you know and love us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us offer one another signs or reconciliation and love. The passing of the peace is an act of mutual love and dedication that signifies one way that we demonstrate Christ's unconditional love and humility for each of us."

The pastor or leader demonstrates a sign or recites a phrase. Participants are then invited to do the same.

(Alfred T. Day III, General Secretary, General Commission on Archives and History, 2018, for the 50th Anniversary of the United Methodist Church)

GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR ALL SAINTS AND MEMORIAL OCCASIONS

United Methodist Book of Worship (pgs. 74-75)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth,
God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,
God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of priests and prophets,
God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the apostles and martyrs,
God of our mothers and fathers,
God of our children and all generations.
And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join the unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, and said
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When supper was over, he took the cup,
Gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world, the body of Christ redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with your saints,
especially those in United Methodist heritage on whose shoulders we stand,
who we name before you -
Names – (aloud or in our hearts)

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.
By your Spirit, make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

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