WELCOME TO ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
REASSEMBLE

PRELUDE
I Stand Amazed
(arr. Bennett)
Kevin Botbyl

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*A MOTHER’S DAY CALL TO WORSHIP
L: And Jesus said, "Come!" To all mothers and all children: he said,
P: "Come!"
L: To the motherless and the childless: he said,
P: "Come!"
L: To all who long to be mothered: he said,
P: "Come!
L: Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.
P: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart
All: And you will find rest for your souls."

*OPENING HYMN, 156
I Love to Tell the Story
HANKEY

A MOTHER’S DAY TRIBUTE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
Sharon Jennelly

A MOTHER’S DAY PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC
Thanks Be To God
von Gluck
Kevin Botbyl

RECITING AND RESPONSE

*SCRIPTURE LESSON
Matthew 16:24-26
24 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?
SERMON  How to Tell Our Story  The Reverend Chris Pennington

*HYMN OF RESPONSE, 415  Take Up Thy Cross  GERMANY

*APOSTLES’ CREED, 881

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.

OFFERING OUR TOTAL SELVES IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD
The offering of gifts is a portion of our covenant to God: Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness

RECOGNITION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

RETURN

*CLOSING HYMN  Take My Life and Let It Be  HENDON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  The Strength of the Lord

Kevin Botbyl

arr. Fettke
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S SERVICE
Altar Duty:    Donnie DeVoll, Laura Parrish, and Helen Ciach
Media Team:  Mandy McFarland, and Don Moyer
Music:        Rob McFarland, Director of Music
              Kevin Botbyl, Soloist

OUR CARING MINISTRY
The Peace Candle in the sanctuary reminds us to pray for those serving our country: Vivian Gaz, Weston Stigler (grandson to Martha and Willis Weldin) and Joshua Biggs-Herrara (grandson to Karen Covey Moore).
The flowers on the altar are in memory of their mother, Beryl Hames, from her children, Susan Mammele, Tom Hames and Sheryl Zenel.
Happy Anniversary to Gary and Betty Lu Ireland who celebrate 61 years of marriage on May 14.
The candle on the altar is in memory of Helen Raymond who passed away one year ago May 10.
We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Carl Moran, who passed away on April 11 and to the family of Mark Alford, who passed away on May 1.

7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

~1 Corinthians 13:7
I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never rested. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new

2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems than all the golden fancies of all our golden peace what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the

3. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do. me; and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

4. I love to tell the story, for those who know it above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never rested. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new

Refrain

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

WORDS: Katherine Hankey, ca. 1868
MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1869
HANKEY 76.76 D with Refrain
Take Up Thy Cross

1. "Take up thy cross," the Savior said, "if thou wouldst
   my disciple be; deny thyself, the
   world for-sake, and humbly follow after me."

2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak
   spirit with alarm; his strength shall bear thy
   spirit up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy
   foolish pride rebel; thy Lord for thee the
   cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.
   bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

4. Take up thy cross and follow Christ, nor think till
   death to lay it down; for only those who
   GERMANY

WORDS: Charles W. Everest, 1833 (Mt. 16:24-25; Mk. 8:34-35; Lk. 9:23-24)
MUSIC: William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

LM
Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. Leviticus 11:44

1. Take my life and let it be Consecrated,
   Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days—Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
   beau-ti-ful for Thee, Swift and beau-ti-full for Thee.

2. Take my hands and let them move At the impulse
   of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and filled with messages from Thee.
   messages from Thee, filled with messages from Thee.

3. Take my voice and let me sing Always, only,
   for my King; Take my lips and let them be Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
   pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

4. Take my silver and my gold—Not a mite would
   I withhold; Take my intellect and use Every, ever, only, all for Thee.
   every pow'r as thou shalt choose, all for thee.

5. Take my love—my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its
   longer mine; Take my self—and I will be Ever, ever, only, all for Thee.
   longer mine; Take my self—and I will be Ever, ever, only, all for Thee.

6. Take my will and make it Thine—It shall be no
   flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
   flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal
MUSIC: Henry A. César Malan; Last stanza setting. Descant and Choral ending by O. D. Hall, Jr.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS For May 9, 2021

Koinonia Fellowship Zoom at the end of the church service on Sundays:
https://zoom.us/j/4099767506?pwd=Nk9KSHVnUmh3dVZZmtFMEp6MEcrZz09
Meeting ID: 409 976 7506 Passcode: Aldersgate

We are still not sure what June will be like with the pandemic so VBS 2021 will be a bit different this year just like everything else! Plan on watching the WOW Live premier on Saturday June 5 and 6, on Facebook which is designed to “kick off” the WOW VBS!

After premiering WOW LIVE 2021 we plan to have packets available for pickup (or delivery) so the children can do the activities when it is convenient for your family or your own safe pod of friends to gather in your own backyards and homes. We are thinking the week of June 21-24. Volunteers are greatly needed to help with organizing, hosting a backyard/home and distributing the packets. Contact Sharon on how you can help!

Aldersgate Preschool is Enrolling for Fall classes! We are enrolling all children for the Fall 18 months, 2-year-old, 3-year-old and PreK classes now! To enroll your child:
Contact Sharon Jennelly, Director, for a tour, to discuss openings and opportunities at Aldersgate for your child. Registration Form and details are on the Aldersgate Preschool Page, www.aldersgatede.org

JOIN the Aldersgate Preschool Teaching Team! We are interviewing for teachers and substitute positions, while we add another class for the fall 2021! Contact Sharon Jennelly for all the details today!

Soup-er Bowl and Gatorade - The Aldersgate Congregation “tackled” hunger and far surpassed our Soup-er Bowl food drive goal. Together we raised over $5,000 to support Neighborhood House, Jewish Family Services and Brandywine Community Church food pantries. As a reward—and what always happens with a winning coach—we will be dumping Gatorade on Pastor Chris before the start of the movie on Youth Movie Night (May 14 - around 7:45 PM). We will also be streaming the Gatorade Celebration on the Aldersgate Facebook page. Thank you for supporting the hungry in Wilmington. When everyone does a little we can accomplish a lot - and we did!

ALDERSGATE YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

No Impact Today: In observance of Mother’s Day, we will not have Impact tonight. Enjoy the time with your families and celebrating the motherly figures in your life!

In-Person Impact: Our very first in-person, outdoor only Impact will take place on Sunday, May 23 from 7-8:30 PM in the church parking lot. We will have a SPECIAL KICKOFF EVENT to celebrate the confirmands and seniors complete with smores, ice cream bar, and outdoor games. You don’t want to miss this special experience! We will continue in-person Impact throughout the summer. Masks and social distancing will be required at all times, even for those who have the vaccine.
Sign-up for the Youth & Young Adult Mission Trip Today - The deadline has been extended to Monday, May 17! You don’t want to miss this! Our mission trip will include various service projects in Wilmington with the organization Urban Promise. We will also have worship, activities, games, and more! This is a great opportunity to serve the Lord and deepen your faith. This opportunity also looks great on college applications, resumes, and for service hours! Email any questions, and make sure to sign up soon! Sign-Up Link: https://forms.gle/c1XWBBz7d1hSZEc37

Young Adult Retreat Getaway: Attention Parents of Young Adults and Young Adults ages 18-25 We have a very special opportunity coming up this summer- a Young Adult Retreat Getaway from Friday June 11 - Sunday June 13. Get plugged in to our church, connect with your friends, and deepen your faith in God on this awesome retreat opportunity at Refreshing Mountain retreat center. The cost is $125 per person, but scholarships are available. Sign-ups will be until 5/16 and money is due on 5/23. Money should not be a reason for someone to not attend. Contact Emily Green at emily.green@aldersgatede.org with questions! Sign-up for the Young Adult Retreat Here: https://forms.gle/5eVF7Hw2Lg2ademMA

Outdoor Movie Night: Our very first youth and young adult outdoor movie night of the season will be on Friday, May 14 at 7 PM. The movie will begin at 7:30 PM but you want to arrive early and see Pastor Chris get Gatorade dumped on him as the reward for our church reaching the goal for the Soup-er Bowl Food Drive! The movie being shown is Hidden Figures and free snacks will be available. RSVP with the sign-up link so that we know you are coming! Outdoor Movie Sign-Up Link: https://forms.gle/Eq6vpXawn84UaBMQA

SUMMER SCHEDULE OUT NOW! This summer we will have the opportunity to meet outside and in-person! We are beyond excited for us to safely re-gather in fellowship with God and one another, FINALLY. Please note that the movie nights are for the entire family. Be sure to save the dates that are listed below. Thanks!