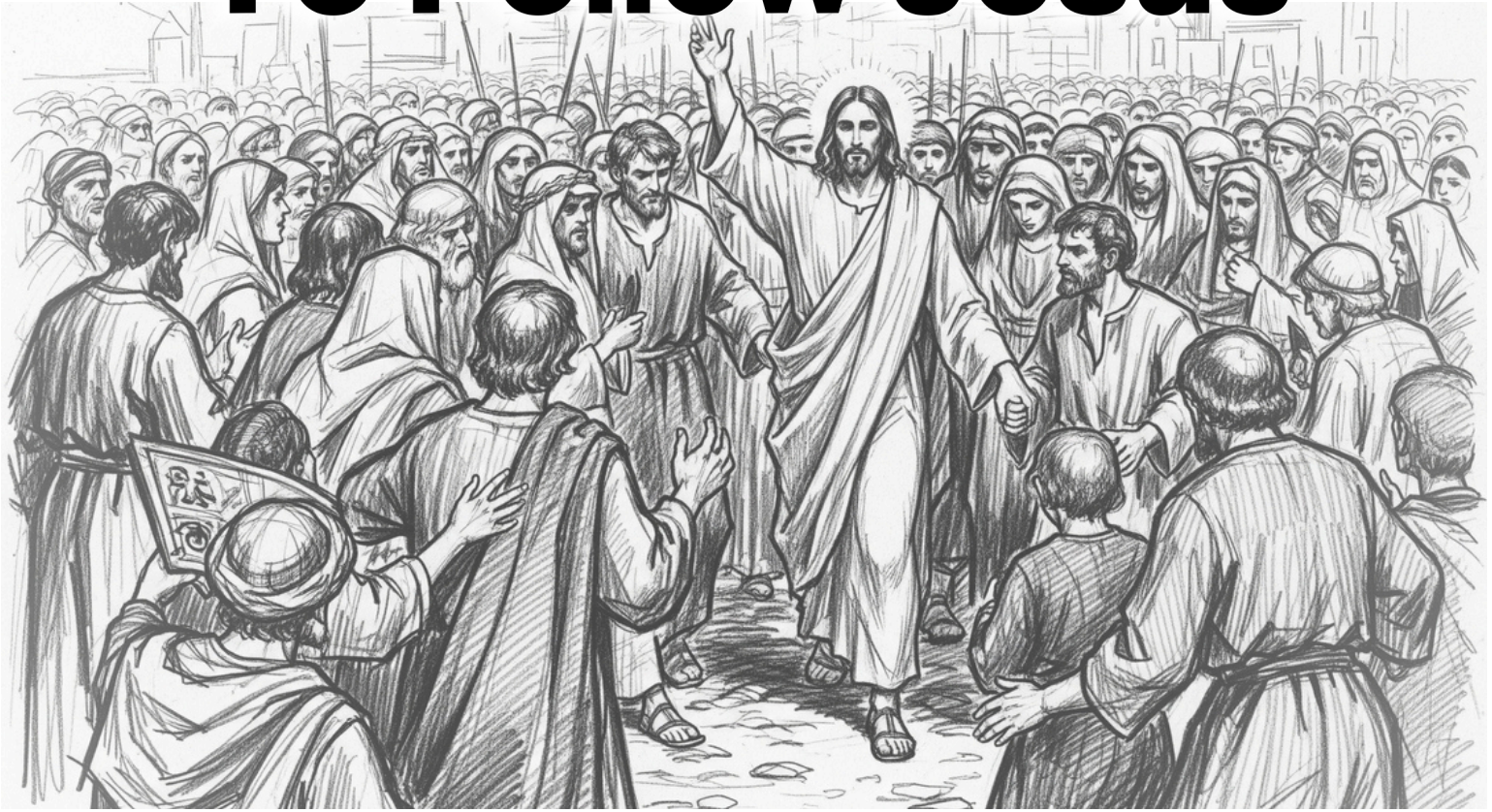


# To Follow Jesus



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## Via Christi

by Bethany Stabler

There is darkness all around us. Sin has leached into our relationships, our workplaces, and even into our churches. Women and children fear verbal, emotional, and physical abuse from broken husbands and fathers. The Fall has taken a toll on all of our lives, even on our bodies, reworking our DNA to wire us toward cancer, heart attacks, and mental illness. Day to day struggles like being able to afford the electric bill, the car payment, and provide groceries for our families weigh us down. Addictions to prescription drugs, street drugs, and pornography feed the brokenness around us. The media feeds our fear and anxiety. Global terrorism is a real threat. Sin. Fear. Darkness. But God.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:10-11)

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. (James 1:12)

Trials will most definitely come. However, we must keep our eyes fixed on the prize of what the Lord has set apart for us. Believers have been given examples of men and women who remain "steadfast under trial," as James writes in James 1:12. The only way to have genuine peace in times of trial is to put all your trust in the one true God. The Lord will not abandon you. Scripture promises that believers will be shown the path of life—the path that is set before us by the Lord. When we are faced with the decision of which way to turn, which path to take, the only path that leads to peace and life is the Via Christi, the way of Christ. When we choose to follow Jesus through our trials, we receive the crown of life and will live in the fullness of joy promised in God's holy word.

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."* Matthew 18:20

Welcome to Aldersgate Methodist Church of North Charleston. We're so happy that you are here!

Be thoughtful, be still, be reverent; for here we meet with a Holy God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

*-If you have kiddos four or under, we offer an engaging and loving nursery so that you can get some personal time with God.*

*-Please silence your cellphones*

## *Doodle & Discern*

"A place for your notes, drawings, and inspirations."

The Sanctuary is equipped with the **Sennheiser MobileConnect** assistive listening system. If you need help connecting your device, please reach out to Aaron Todd (Sound Tech)

1 - Download the app for free from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

2 - Connect to the MobileConnect WiFi network:

Assisted Listening password:HearClearly!

3 - Open the app and choose a channel.

4 - Scan the QR code.

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THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

# Worship Service

Today's reader is Liam Charmichael

## Gathering Music

Libby Hanson

## Chiming of the Trinity

## Opening Hymn

## NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and  
2. O may this boun-teous God through all our lives be  
3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be

4  
voi - ces, who won-d'rous things hath done, in whom his world re -  
near us, with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to  
giv - en, the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est

8  
joi - ces, who from our mo-ther's arms hath blessed us on our  
cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per -  
hea - ven, e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heav'n a -

12  
way with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
plexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
dore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

## Call to Worship

*All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

## Welcome & Announcements

## Play Maker Day Camp Presentation

## My Pleasant Boundary Lines

It's easy to forget how many years passed between Samuel anointing David as the next king and David actually assuming the throne. David likely wondered when God would work out all the details, yet he waited on the Lord. He never took the throne, even when he seemed entitled to do so, trusting that in each moment of waiting, wondering, hiding, and not knowing, the LORD was his portion and cup. The LORD held his lot.

God promised greatness to David, but for years, David's life looked far from great. Psalm 16 reveals where David placed his hope: in the LORD. He believed each day given to him was his portion and cup, and knew God held his lot, no matter what it looked like. He understood that the boundary lines God put in his life kept him in pleasant places.

We find joy in these verses by seeing Christ as our beautiful inheritance, knowing that wherever God has us right now is pleasant, no matter how it feels, because we live each day with Jesus as our Savior.

God chose our boundary lines for a reason. For David, these lines kept him off the throne for years, kept him on the run, and forced him to trust in God or despair. David chose trust. When he finally became king, his heart, hope, and desires were intertwined with God's in a way they wouldn't have been otherwise.

For our own boundary lines, we can rest knowing God keeps certain things from happening for a reason. Do you feel unsuccessful? Maybe God is protecting your heart from idolatry. Do you feel lonely? Maybe God is protecting you from relationships that would lead you away from Him, instead leading you to lean only on Him.

Wherever your boundary lines are, know God has placed you in a pleasant place that leads you to Jesus, who secured your inheritance on the cross. Whatever you face, however mundane it feels, God has given you this portion for a reason. Like David, we can accept it with praise. We can rejoice daily, knowing God has entrusted these exact days to us, placing our boundary lines exactly where they need to be to protect us and point us to His Son.

# The Word of the Lord

## Psalm 16 (ESV)

- <sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- <sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
- <sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight
- <sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood  
I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- <sup>7</sup> I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- <sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
- <sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

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## Luke 9:51-62 (ESV)

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup> But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> And they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Gloria Patri

***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.***

## Today's Sermon

## To Follow Jesus

Pastor Kam Stabler

## The Journey Ahead:

*Following Christ with  
Wholehearted Devotion*

In Luke 9:51-62, we find Jesus resolutely setting His face towards Jerusalem, a journey He knows will culminate in the cross. This passage isn't just about a physical journey; it's a powerful invitation to consider what it truly means to follow Christ.

As Jesus embarks, He encounters various individuals who express a desire to follow Him, yet hesitate. One offers to follow "wherever you go" but is challenged by Jesus' call to sacrifice comfort. Another wishes to bury his father, a cultural obligation, but Jesus emphasizes the urgency of proclaiming God's kingdom. A third wants to say goodbye to his family, only to be reminded that "no one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

These encounters serve as a mirror for us. In our own lives, what prevents us from wholehearted devotion to Christ? Is it the allure of comfort, the weight of worldly obligations, or the pull of past attachments? Jesus isn't demanding perfection, but rather a commitment that transcends our earthly priorities.

As Methodists, we are called to a life of discipleship, to walk in the footsteps of our Savior. This passage reminds us that following Jesus means prioritizing His call above all else. It's a journey that requires courage, sacrifice, and an unwavering gaze forward, trusting in His divine plan. Let us pray for the strength and resolve to truly follow where He leads, without looking back.

## The Confession of Sin

*Leader: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.*

***All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy name, amen.***

*Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

***All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!***

## Holy Communion

Donations for the Pastor's Benevolence Fund may be placed on the Communion Rail.  
Members of the prayer ministry are at the sides of the altar if you would like someone to pray for you.

*Leader: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,  
once for all upon the cross.*

***All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

## Communion Song

Choir

## "Let Us Break Bread Together"

*Afro-American spiritual*

## Post Communion Prayer

***All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever, amen.***

## Apostles' Creed

***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.***

\*The term "catholic" (with a lower case "c") does not refer to any specific denomination or group of Christians. The term comes from two Greek words that together mean "throughout the whole."

So when the creed states, "I believe in the holy catholic church," it refers to the wholeness of the whole church in all times and places rather than to any specific branch of Christianity.



# Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

## Offering

Choir

## "All Hail King Jesus"

by Jeremy Riddle

## 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.*

## 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.*

## Closing Hymn

## I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low  
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be -  
3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low; Though none go with me, I still will  
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low



Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
fol - low; Though none go with me, I still will fol - low; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

## Benediction

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**



# Prayer List

Frank Albach, Betty Black, Bob Bollacker (Julie Peacock's cousin), Betty Dawsey, Rocky Cox, Hoy Fisher, Carolyn & Charlie Friend, Joan Fried, Patsy Gaines, Woody Gaines, Heidi Grooms, Ernest Hoenck, Jeri Jackson, Shawn Jacques, Eunice Longsine, Carol Massey, Ken McCrorie, Mike & Theresa Meynardie, Kathy Mobley, Rodney Moore, Scott Myers (Bethany's father), Eleanor Overby, Carol & Luke Poole, Joanne Ragge, Debbie Rayeski, Carol Jo Salas, Sue Shipman, Frances Thompson, Joseph Tracy, Jenny & Michael Worrell, Marvin Yancy

"DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERY SITUATION,  
BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING, PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD."  
PHILIPPIANS 4:6

## Bingo!

by Cathy Wright

I play Bingo (don't laugh) in my neighborhood every Thursday evening. It's a crazy, fun, loud, hilarious, rag-tag, inter-generational group of men and women ranging in ages from 25-85.

I take my 83-year-old neighbor almost every week. She wouldn't miss Bingo for love nor money. Like clockwork we go through this ritual: She greets me at the door with her walker, gives me her water to hold, I take her homemade dessert (every week a different dessert), lock her door, load her and her walker into my vehicle, unload, go play Bingo, and then do it all in reverse.

Every week she's decked out in Atlanta Braves gear: shirt, bracelet, earrings, socks, head band, book bag, pillow, blanket, jacket, sweater, hat, etc. Just in case you wondered which team she pulls for. She not just a fan, she's a fanatic, of the Braves.

Last week when I took her home I saw she was missing one dangling Atlanta Braves earring. She was distraught. They were a gift from her great-grandson. I scoured her apartment, my car, the pavement, all the things. Looking, hoping. Nothing.

I sent a group text to the Bingo players.

Almost immediately they went into action—the hunt was on!

It was 9:00 p.m., and a group went to the parking lot with flashlights. Someone got a key to open the Community Center and they looked in every nook and cranny inside and out. Sidewalk, hallway, bathroom, kitchen, under tables/chairs. Nothing.

They sent her reassuring texts and prayers that the earring would be found.

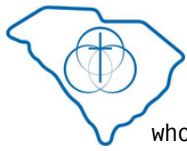
The next morning, she texted us. She had found the earring! It was in her jewelry box the whole time. She kiddingly chided us she couldn't believe we didn't notice she had on just one earring.

I mentioned to her how amazing it was the way the group naturally came together because they loved her—each effortlessly doing their own part. No one had to be asked. She said she was thrilled and glad she had her own posse. Especially a praying one.

Although we are neighbors, not all of us knew each other until we started playing Bingo together. The love our Bingo community poured out on her to "just" find an earring was not only neighborly but followed the tenets of Our Lord.

St. Peter reminds us the importance of and the longing for we each have to be a part of a God's loving, praying community. Or posse.

*"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.  
Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.  
As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."  
1 Peter 4:8-11*



Aldersgate Methodist Church of North Charleston is a member of the Global Methodist Church of South Carolina. The mission of the GMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

## Youth Sunday!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 10**

as we celebrate our Annual Youth Sunday!

Our young church members will take on significant roles during the service.

Don't miss this opportunity to support the future of our church!



# NEWS & UPDATES

## GMC Summer Serve Camp

Aldersgate is hosting two more Summer Serve camps this summer, a joint effort between the GMC of SC and Holy City Missions.

Our bunk rooms are being utilized by the participants.

The second group will begin their stay on **Saturday, July 12**, and will depart on **Saturday, July 19**.

The third and final group will arrive on **Saturday, July 19**, and depart on **Saturday, July 26**.



## New Church Directory Committee Forming

The Council on Ministries is forming a committee to explore options for a new church directory. We're looking for individuals interested in discussing various ideas, including traditional, digital (like Realm), and other formats.

If you'd like to participate, please contact **Pam Marek** or **Liam Carmichael**.



## Women of Aldersgate

The Women of Aldersgate will be on summer recess for the months of July and August. Our monthly meetings will resume in September.

# THIS WEEK

### MONDAY 30

To-Go Soup Kitchen 10:30 am  
Youth Group 6:00 pm

### THURSDAY 3

To-Go Soup Kitchen 10:30 am  
HCM Food Bank 6:00 pm

### TUESDAY 1

Prayer Meeting 10:00 am

### SUNDAY 5

Sunday School 9:00 am  
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am

### WEDNESDAY 2

HCM Food Bank 10:00 am  
Clothes Closet 10:30 am  
NO Choir Practice

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## Birthdays

6/28 Billy Ward  
6/30 Betty Renard  
7/1 Jayson Zartman  
7/1 Beth Pippin  
7/2 Jackie Dawsey  
7/2 Trey Hannah III  
7/15 David Neumann  
7/15 Aaron L Todd  
7/17 Rick Merting  
7/17 Dot Young  
7/24 Robbie Fulmer  
7/27 Craig Delk  
7/28 Derrick Robertson  
7/31 Jean Doscher



## Anniversaries

7/6 Larry & Robbie Fulmer  
7/15 David and Pam Marek  
7/21 Rod & Shirley Wetzstein

If we left out your birthday or anniversary, please let us know: office@aldersgateremount.org

## Last Sunday

### ATTENDANCE:

In-person	75
Sunday School	45
Online	18

Giving Needed \$ 223,174.70  
Giving Received \$ 205,052.85

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