

Aldersgate UMC Worship: *Home Edition* – June 28

Call to Worship: Think of a time when you experienced the presence of God in a powerful way. What happened? How did you feel? Reflect on that time for a moment. Then, thank God for it...and welcome his presence with you right now.

Worship Song: “*The River is Here*” by Andy Park, Worship Leader: Cindy Crosby

<https://youtu.be/sz72fUBW5wk>

Prayer of Illumination: Lord, open my ears, my eyes, my mind, and my heart to you Word. Guide me in your truth and teach me your ways. Your servant is listening. I pray this in Jesus name, Amen.

Scripture: John 1:45-51

(**Note:** Sermon outline at the bottom of this page)

Sermon: “*The Shades of Cynicism*”

<https://youtu.be/6LknWaC4-e0>

Special Music: “*No One Knows My Heart*” by Susan Ashton

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJnG89Z_VFM&list=RDdJnG89Z_VFM&start_radio=1#t=1

Prayer: O’ Lord, you are One God, yet three persons. I may never fully comprehend your 3-yet-1 nature. But I believe in you. I trust that you are the one true God. Thank you Father, for your perfect love and wisdom. Thank you Jesus, for willingly enduring a painful crucifixion to enable me to be forgiven of all my sins. Thank you Holy Spirit for taking up residence in me to lead me, empower me, and bless me in so many ways. I pray for an end to this coronavirus. Give healing to those who are sick, comfort to those who mourn, and wisdom to those who govern. I pray for those who do not know you as the Way, the truth, and the Life. Open their eyes to see their need for you. I pray this in Jesus name, amen.

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Closing Song: “*Refiners Fire*” by Brian Doerksen, Worship Leader: Cindy Crosby

(**Note:** Lyrics follow sermon outline)

<https://youtu.be/wLKEr5rzOJw>

“*The Shades of Cynicism*”

(John 1:45-51) *Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.” “Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” “Come and see for yourself,” Philip replied. As they approached, Jesus said, “Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete*

integrity.” “How do you know about me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, “I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.” Then Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!” Jesus asked him, “Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.” Then he said, “I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.”

3 Keys to Cultivate Curiosity in Ourselves

1. Practice loving others. (John 13:34) *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*

2. Practice listening to others. (James 1:19) *Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.*

3. Practice leading others.
(Matthew 5:13-14) *You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world.*

Blessing: Lift up your face, and receive this blessing. See the world as God does. In his mighty hands, it is full of hope, wonder, and joy. So go forth and be the salt of the earth and light of the world. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen!

Refiner's Fire (lyrics)

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold and precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold pure gold

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Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within and make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin deep within