

Aldersgate UMC Worship: *Home Edition* – August 02

Call to Worship: (Psalm 108:1-4) My heart, O God, is steadfast. I will sing and make music with all of my soul. I will awaken the dawn. I will praise you Lord among the nations, Lord, among the nations. I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, higher than the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Worship Song: “*There’s Something About That Name*”, Cindy Crosby <https://youtu.be/xEVH9nObhVI>

Prayer of Illumination: Lord, open my heart and mind by the power of the Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read, and your Word proclaimed, I may hear with joy what you say to me today. Amen.

Scripture: Psalm 89:14

Sermon: “*What is Heaven and Hell Like?*” <https://youtu.be/4Mzss9MdhVO>

Sermon outline:

WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?

(John 14:2-3) Jesus says, “There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. ...I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.”

1. A Home

(Hebrews 11:16) But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

2. A Heavenly City

(Revelation 5:11-12) Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

3. A Place of Worship

(Luke 23:43) Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.

4. A Paradise

(Revelation 21:4) (God) will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”

WHAT IS HELL LIKE?

(Romans 1:18-19) The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

1. Place of Punishment

(Matthew 8:12) But many Israelites...will be thrown into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

2. Darkness, weeping, gnashing of teeth

(2 Thessalonians 1:9) They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power.

3. Separated from God... forever

(Ephesians 2:7-9) God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it

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Special Music: “*Heaven*” by Bebe and Cece Winans

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mgt5NOVbuSM>

Prayer: I praise Lord for you are a holy God. Your righteousness is like a mighty mountain. Thank you Lord for your grace, your forgiveness, your love, your power, your wisdom, and most of all, your presence with me. You are here with me right now...and always. Thank you for the promise of Heaven. I look forward to seeing you face-to-face. (Lift up your prayers for others and for yourself).

I pray this in Jesus name, Amen.

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Closing Song: “*He Leadeth Me*”, Worship leader: Cindy Crosby

<https://youtu.be/Bd6UUuCreB8>

Blessing: Lift up your face, and receive this blessing. You have God's presence with you now and forever. Walk in his presence, his power, and his peace. And rejoice in his plan for your life, for nothing can stop you. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen!