

Aldersgate UMC Worship: *Home Edition* – August 23

Call to Worship: Take a few minutes and be still before God. If it helps, light a candle. Focus on the presence of God. He is right there with you. You don't have to say anything, just seek his calming presence. Tell the Lord you are listening for anything he might want to say to you while you worship him.

Worship Song: “*In the Calm*” Worship leader: Cindy Crosby

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUTc3ibhvc>

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: Luke 19:1-10

Sermon Introduction (**Watch first**): https://youtu.be/0AW2i0_fbpk

Sermon: “*Search & Rescue: B.L.E.S.S. the Community*”

Sermon Outline - Link After Outline Below:

“*Search & Rescue: B.L.E.S.S. the Community*”

(Genesis 12:1-2) *The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.*

B – Begin with Prayer

L – Listen with Care

E – Eat together

S – Serve in Love

S – Share Your Story

As God’s Search & Rescue Team, let’s:

1. Belong to our community
2. B.L.E.S.S. our community
3. (Next Week) Bring the community

Sermon Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNWFLS55CyE>

Special Music: “*You Raise Me Up*” by BYU Vocal Point

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rcLl0A-lXlc>

Prayer: Lord, thank you for the continuous invitation to enter your presence. It is a privilege. You are my Rock and my Redeemer. You raise me up out of the dark waters and set my feet upon the solid Rock of my salvation. I am forever grateful for your grace, kindness, and goodness. You are a loving and holy God and I praise you. I need you. And I desire to serve you. Lead me this week as I seek to walk with you. Guide me as I seek to be a light to a dark world. This I pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Offering: Mail in your tithes & offerings to Aldersgate UMC, 5767 Sellger Dr. Norfolk, VA. 23502. Or give online at our website at AldersgateNorfolk.org

Closing Song: “*The Servant Song*” by servant of the lion

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

Blessing: Lift up your face, and receive this blessing. You are on God’s Search & Rescue Team. Seek out the lost and hurting. Be filled with a confidence that there is someone in your community that God wants to bless through your efforts. Walk by faith, not by sight. Trust God with each step. And watch him work. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen!