

## Aldersgate UMC Worship: *Home Edition* – August 16

**Call to Worship:** (Lamentations 3:22-23) *The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.*

Thank you Lord that your mercy begins afresh every morning. I thank you for your grace as I enter into your presence today for worship. It gives me the confidence to enter boldly...and humbly on holy ground. I pray that my worship will be pleasing to you, for I am forever grateful.

**Worship Song:** “*I’m Forever Grateful*”. Cindy Crosby

<https://youtu.be/a8WcSzfBXPI>

**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/SfFb2D-3H2s>

**Sermon:** “*Search & Rescue: Belong to the Community*”

(**Note:** Sermon Outline below URL)

<https://youtu.be/hfDd4GPACc4>

**“Search & Rescue”**

(**NOTE:** First see video introduction to Sermon)

### **Step 1: BELONG TO THE COMMUNITY**

(Luke 19:1-10) *Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.*

*When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down!"*

*I must be a guest in your home today." Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased.*

*"He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled.*

*Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said,*

*"I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."*

**Special Music:** "Others" by Israel Houghton

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_pCtTTXGYbQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_pCtTTXGYbQ)

**Prayer:** Lord, I thank you that you are a Pursing God. Even when I hide from you, you seek me and desire to draw me into your loving presence. I desire to reflect your unconditional love into this world as your ambassador. I trust your presence with me every step of the way. Your daily presence gives me the courage to accomplish what is impossible for me to do on my own. Help me to identify and connect with a "Zacchaeus" that you placed in my path. Help me to see them as you do, and to be your instrument of love and truth to them. This I pray in Jesus name. Amen.

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**Closing Song:** "Here I Am Lord" (verse 1 & 2) Worship leader: Cindy Crosby

(**Note:** Song lyrics below URL)

<https://youtu.be/qEWbXFIhd4E>

**"Here I Am Lord"** Lyrics

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord.  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.  
I, the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone.  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send.  
Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord.  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

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**Blessing:** Lift up your face, and receive this blessing. You are fully equipped to be the face, voice, hands, and feet of Jesus in the world around you. Go in confidence that God is with you and working through you. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen!