

Aldersgate UMC Worship: *Home Edition* – Sept. 13

Call to Worship: Through the abundance of your steadfast love, I will enter your house. I will bow down in your presence out of reverence for you. Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness; make your way straight before me. I desire to worship you O' God, with all my heart.

Worship Song: “*Sanctuary*” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxB9VH3cCN4>

Prayer of Illumination: Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open my eyes that I may see the wonders of your Word; and give me grace that I may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture: Ezra 1:1-5

Sermon: “*Report from Exile*” <https://youtu.be/fkHfbzSywBs>

Special Music: “*Jesus, Hope of the Nations*” by Worship in Spirit & Truth
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuK5fZ9Ur9c>

Prayer: Lord, prepare our hearts for our return from exile. May it be a great day of celebration and praise. I trust that you are in control of all things. I pray for an end to the Coronavirus. Keep us safe. Fill us all with your Spirit that we may boldly shine your light into a dark world in desperate need of hope. Help us to continue your mission to make disciples. We praise you and we love you. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

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Closing Song: “*How Great is Our God*”, Worship leader Cindy Crosby
<https://youtu.be/e8Fwx0E5jHc>

Blessing: May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.