

Aldersgate UMC Worship: *Home Edition* – August 30

Call to Worship: (Psalm 145:8-9) *The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation.*

Lift up a prayer of thanks to God for his mercy and compassion. Prepare to enter God's presence and worship him.

Worship Song: "*Surely the Presence*"

<https://youtu.be/K1u5r71L8eo>

Prayer of Illumination: Lord, open my ears to hear you speak. Open my mind to receive your wisdom and direction. And open my heart to fully receive your love. Thank you Lord. In Jesus name. Amen.

Scripture: Mark 2:1-5

Sermon Introduction (**Watch first**): <https://youtu.be/aRK7k8WtSlk>

Sermon: "*Search & Rescue: Bring the Community*"

(**Note:** Sermon Link at the end of Outline)

"Search & Rescue: Bring the Community"

(NOTE: See Introduction Video)

Steps to Being a Search & Rescue Team

1. Belong to our Community
2. B.L.E.S.S. our Community
3. Bring our Community

(Mark 2:1-5) When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

(Revelation 2:4-5) “But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first! Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don’t repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches.”

2 Reasons to Overcome Obstacles

1. God’s Power

(Acts 1:8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

2. God’s Presence

(Matthew 28:18-20) Jesus told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

<https://youtu.be/5JgaXyDEjoQ>

Special Music: “*Come as You Are*” by David Crowder

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2zhf2mqEMI>

Prayer: Lord, help me to see the good you are bringing through this pandemic. Align my will with yours that I may be an instrument in your hand. Show me the opportunities you give me to be light in the darkness. I trust in your presence and power to equip me to serve your purposes. Thank you for the privilege of fulfilling your mission to make disciples in the world. I commit to obey your will to the best of my ability. This I pray in Jesus name. Amen.

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Closing Song: “*People Need the Lord*” by Jeramie Sanico, Hope Channel South Philippines Studio

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvFMyEhbEm0>

Blessing: Lift up your face, and receive this blessing. Be filled with God’s grace and godliness. Be open to God’s presence. And be ready for God to move in and through you. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen!