

# Welcome to Worship

Rev. Katie Waggoner, Pastor

Order of Worship | Sunday, May 9, 2021 | Mother's Day

Gathering, Welcome & Announcements:

## Invitation and Gathering

### Call to Worship

*Please view insert for the Call to Worship*

### Children's Message

### The Lord's Prayer

## Loving the Wider World Through Our Sharing

*Please place offerings in the offering plate in the back*

### Prayers of the People

Pastor: "Lord in Your Mercy,"

Congressional response: **"Hear our prayer."**

### Pastoral Prayer

## Proclamation and Response

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13

**Sermon: Lead Us, Deliver Us**

Lead me not into  
temptation. Oh who am  
I kidding, follow me,  
I know a short cut.



## Sending Forth

### Benediction:

Jesus speaks again today:

**"This is my commandment, that you  
love one another as I have loved you."**

Go in joy and faithfulness, knowing that you,  
the chosen friends of Jesus, abide in Jesus' love  
and bear the gift of this love to the world. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able*

*Read in unison words printed in bolded type*

## **Announcements**



Our worship is available online on the Alden UMC Facebook page, YouTube, and the Alden UMC website. Call (231) 216-1462 to hear our sermon by phone.

Coffee hour is postponed because of Covid-19, please feel free to bring a travel cup of coffee with you to outdoor worship.

### **Mission/Vision Statement**

The mission of the Alden Community United Methodist Church is to CONNECT people to Christ, NURTURE them to spiritual maturity, and PREPARE them to go into the world to bear fruit and to set a Christian Example.

#### **We will accomplish this by:**

- Celebrating with heartfelt worship of God
- Pursuing individual Christ-centered growth
- Being a caring community for all
- Using our time, talents, and gifts for God's purpose
- Sharing the Word of God

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To those who lost a child this year – **we mourn with you**

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains – **we appreciate you**

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away—**we mourn with you**

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment – **we walk with you**. Forgive us when we say foolish things, we don't mean to make this harder than it is

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms – **we need you**

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children – **we celebrate with you**

To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children – **we sit with you**

To those who lost their mothers this year – **we grieve with you**

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother – **we acknowledge your experience**

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood – **we are better for having you in our midst**

To those who have aborted children – **we remember them and you on this day**

To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children – **we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be**

To those who step-parent – **we walk with you on these complex paths**

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren, yet that dream is not to be – **we grieve with you**

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year – **we grieve and rejoice with you**

To those who placed children up for adoption – **we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart**

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising –**we anticipate with you**

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