



Worship Guide for Sunday, June 28

Aldersgate United Methodist Church - Butte, MT

Our Morning Prayer

- from *Chuck Kestle* -

PRECIOUS LORD GOD...

On this beautiful new day of worship we thank you for blessings bestowed upon us. We thank you for gifts that have exceeded our imaginings and for spiritual comforts that carry us on our ways. We thank you for the wonders of creation and the life it gives to sustain us.

Sometimes in the midst of living our lives we forget to be grateful for all the good that is in our lives. Forgive us Lord and remind us that you are always with us even in times of loss, of challenge and of pain.

Lord, we ask your special blessings upon Pastor Sue as she moves into new chapters in her journey of faith. Be with her always and protect her.

Change can be so bittersweet but we know that through changes you can reveal to us new insights into your holy purpose. You can show us new ways of seeing and believing. You can offer to us all the next steps in our journeys of faith.

Thanks be to GOD. In Jesus name we pray.
Amen

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Our Scripture Reading

Mathew 10: 40-42 (New Revised Standard Version)

40 “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Aloha is the Hawaiian word for love, affection, peace, compassion and mercy, that is commonly used as a simple greeting but has a deeper cultural and spiritual significance to native Hawaiians, in which the term is used to define a force that holds together existence.



“The soul should always stand ajar,
ready to welcome the
ecstatic experience!”

Emily Dickenson

WHY I WAKE EARLY
by Mary Oliver

Hello, sun in my face.
Hello, you who make the morning
and spread it over the fields
and into the faces of the tulips
and the nodding morning glories,
and into the windows of, even, the
miserable and the crotchety -

best preacher that ever was,
dear star, that just happens
to be where you are in the universe
to keep us from ever-darkness,
to ease us with warm touching,
to hold us in the great hands of light -
good morning, good morning, good morning,

Watch, now, how I start the day
in happiness, in kindness.



An Offering Prayer

Through the teachings of Jesus,
the steadfast love of God,
and the empowering winds of the Spirit,
we have been taught to share
what we have,
our time, talent, and treasure,
with those in need.

As we serve our neighbors,
we serve the Christ.

In gratitude for God's many gifts,
we celebrate God's call to care for creation,
and to boldly love the children of God.

Amen.



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change lives!*

Benediction

Life is short and we have but little time
to brighten the way
of those who walk with us.
Make haste to be kind,
Be swift to love,
Be gentle with yourself
and the world around you.

Amen