



Good Samaritan welcomes and affirms all persons regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or socioeconomic background. We seek to reconcile any differences that divide us.

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Email jim@good.org for prayer requests or to receive the weekly prayer chain email.



**Thank you...**  
**Usher:** Mary Lach, Janet VanBenthuyzen  
**AV Techs:** Noemi Dooley, Beth Hutson  
**Musicians:** Chancel Chimes, Chancel Choir, Faith Alive, Homeward Bound, Jubilee! Bell Choir  
**Nursery:** Pat Olson  
**Fellowship Host:** Leigh Hamersten, Shirley Hammersten

**WORSHIP**  
**10:00 AM**

May 17, 2026  
Big Music Sunday

**Our Vision**

**Inspiring  
Joyful Faith**

**Building a  
Loving  
Community**

**Serving  
Neighbors  
Near and Far**

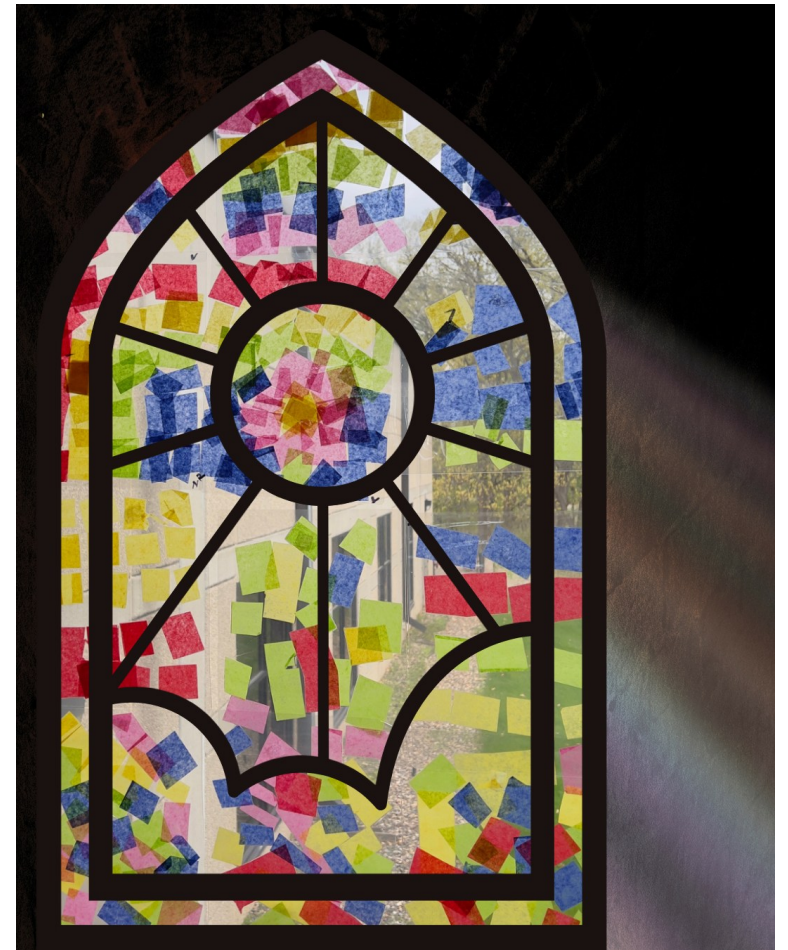
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**Today's  
Scripture**

**Psalms 121  
Psalms 133**



*Who we are. What we do.*



**Good Samaritan United Methodist Church**  
 5730 Grove Street, Edina, Minnesota 55436  
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## WELCOME !

Nursery care is available for ages 6 weeks-3 years.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available from the ushers.

Hearing assist devices are available at the sound booth.

Thank you for supporting our ministries!  
Offering plates are available by the Sanctuary doors as you exit or scan this QR code to give securely online.



Please join us for refreshments in Aldersgate Hall after worship.

\*Standing or sitting.

PRELUDE "I Love to Tell the Story" ARR. PATRICIA HURLBUTT  
Jubilee! Bell Choir

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ARR. MATTHEW COMPTON  
Chancel Chimes

### GREETING & WELCOME

\*HYMN "For the Healing of the Nations" UMH 428

\*OPENING WORDS "What Does the Lord Require" FWS 2174  
Chancel Chimes, Jubilee! Bell Choir

SPECIAL MUSIC "He Never Failed Me Yet" ROBERT RAY  
Homeward Bound, Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME Jan Russell  
*After Children's Time, children are invited to Sunday School in 200.*

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC "Hallelujah" LEONARD COHEN, ARR. JOEL RANEY  
Chancel Chimes, Jubilee! Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE Psalm 121 (Response 2) UMH p. 844  
Psalm 133 UMH p. 850

REFLECTION Rev. Max Richter, Carey Shunskis

SPECIAL MUSIC "Crowded Table" NATALIE HEMBY,  
Faith Alive LORI MCKENNA, BRANDI CARLILE

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH 431

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

\*HYMN "This Is My Song" UMH 437

BLESSING "Y'all Means All" JOHN MCCUTCHEON  
Homeward Bound

POSTLUDE Sinfonia from *Cantata 29*, "We Thank Thee, Lord, We Thank Thee"  
Cynthia Betz, Organ J.S BACH

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## Good Sam Happenings

You're in a GOOD place to ... connect, grow, worship ...

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### Peace Garden Planting – This Saturday, May 23



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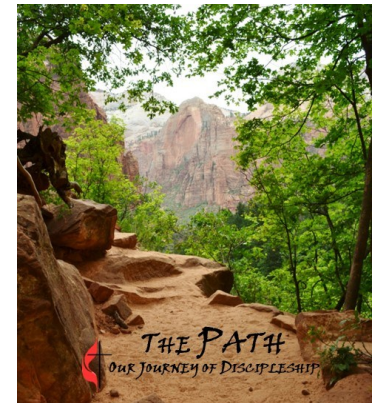
of each month this summer and join the fun. The intent is to keep building the relationships among our Aldersgate folks, our Good Samaritan families, and the any other new faces who have been coming through our doors. A simple cookout will be provided; something interactive will be offered to help build community around each table; and of course, ice cream treats will be on hand! Freewill offerings will be accepted to cover costs; no pre-registration will be necessary; all ages will be welcome. What do you need to do? It would be great if you could lend a hand or bring food to one or more of the gatherings. Use the QR code, go to [tinyurl.com/GSSummertime](http://tinyurl.com/GSSummertime), or use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Contact Pastor Jim with questions - [jim@good.org](mailto:jim@good.org) or 952-452-9396.



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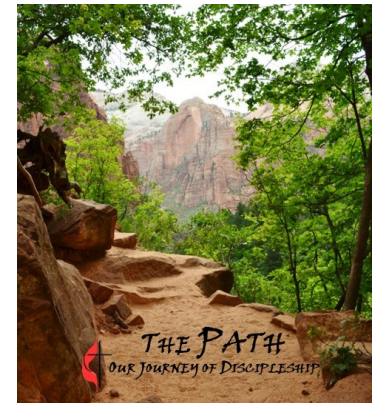
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