

Aldersgate UMC Worship: *Home Edition* – July 12

Call to Worship: Imagine you are going up a staircase. On the upstairs floor is God. And he is looking forward to seeing you. Each step of the staircase is one step closer to the Lord. Don't rush. It is a process. With each step, you slowly put aside any distractions that interfere with what you are about to do...which is to worship God. Hear the wood creak as you take the next step. Hear your footsteps echo up the staircase. As you reach the top of the stairs, you see a magnificent bright light filling the whole room. Hear God call you by name and say, "Welcome! I am so glad you are here. I love you." At this point, what do you want to say to the Lord? Speak it to him right now.

Worship Song: "*You Are My God*" by Worship Leader, Cindy Crosby

(**Note:** Lyrics below) <https://youtu.be/0qyD6T2ajh0>

Lyrics: *You Are My God*
You are my God, You are my King
You are my Master, My everything
You are my Lord
That's why I sing to You
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

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Prayer of Illumination: Lord, speak to me. Teach me. Help me to hear you speak into my life. Mold and shape me as your desire. I pray this in Jesus name, Amen.

Scripture: Psalm 37:4

Sermon: "*What Is Your Deepest Desire?*" <https://youtu.be/C2Liy789n60>

"What Is Your Deepest Desire?"

(Psalm 37:4) *Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires.*

(Psalm 27:4) *One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.*

(Matthew 6:33) *Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

(Romans 8:38) I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

When you recognize God as your deepest desire, you realize he is the source of all desires.

Special Music: “*All I Desire*” by Victory Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Q-mWJZYkK4>

Prayer: Lord, you truly are my deepest desire. You are the Provider of all my needs. Thank you for your provision all throughout my life. I pray for an end to this coronavirus. I pray for an end to the sickness and death because of it. I also pray for insight to see what good you will bring from it. Help me to draw closer to you during this time. I pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

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Closing Song: “*Dive*” by Stephen Curtis Chapman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qTXLEpS1gg>

Blessing: Lift up your face, and receive this blessing. Be filled with the love of God. May it be the driving motivation for all you do. And may it be an irresistible force that draws others to Him. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen!