

## Aldersgate UMC Worship: *Home Edition* – July 26

**Call to Worship:** (Psalm 95:1-2) *Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.*

Prepare your heart for worship by singing a favorite song, by shouting praise to God, or by expressing a prayer of thanksgiving.

**Worship Song:** “*The Lord is My Strength*”, Worship Leader Cindy Crosby

<https://youtu.be/xTpxGIXtYIU>

**Prayer of Illumination:** Lord, open my heart and mind by the power of the Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read, and your Word proclaimed, I may hear with joy what you say to me today. Amen

**Scripture:** Romans 12:9

(**Note:** You can follow the sermon outline below)

**Sermon:** “*Driving Out Hate*”

### **Sermon Outline:**

(Romans 12:9) *Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.*

#### 1. God's Love Drives out Hate in Ourselves

(1 John 4:7-8) *Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

(James 2:9) *But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law.*

#### 2. God's Love Drives out Hate in Others

(Luke 6:35) “*Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked.*”

(Hebrews 10:24) *Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.*

**Sermon Link:** <https://youtu.be/ChPBnWWi9q0>

**Special Music:** “*All Kinds of People*” by Susan Ashton

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LivRS5iPCXw>

**Prayer:** Lord, I praise you, for you are a God of justice. You see injustice and oppression, and promise that justice will be served. I thank you that you are also a God of grace and love. Your love for me is undeserved and unconditional. You have forgiven me of all my sins. Help me be your ambassador of love and grace. Show me ways to be an instrument in your hand to drive out hate and replace it with your love. I pray this in Jesus name, Amen.

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**Closing Song:** “*On Eagles Wings*”, Worship Leader Cindy Crosby

<https://youtu.be/b9wPzKf1vNY>

**Song Lyrics:**

***On Eagle’s Wings*** (Lyrics)

And God will raise you up on eagles wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun

And hold you in the palm of His hand

**Blessing:** Lift up your face, and receive this blessing. God sends you out on eagle’s wings to be a change agent in the world. And he promises to go with you. Be filled with a confident boldness that allows the Lord’s light to shine brightly in darkness. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen!