

PRELUDE: Fred Crase

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chuck Kestle & Pastor Seth

WELCOMING THE CHRIST LIGHT: Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP *(standing)*
Voice of One: When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself.
Voice of Many: We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well-being of others.
One: Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread; if he accepted wealth and power; if he tested God’s commitment to him.
Many: In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.
One: May our commitment be as strong.
Many: May our lives be placed in God’s caring hands throughout our journey. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: *(standing)* #292 UM Hymnal “What Wondrous Love is This“

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: *(standing)* *(Turn in orange cards and Pew Pads)*

LAMBS OF GOD MOMENT

MISSION MOMENT: UMCOR

ANTHEM: Chancel Choir Lonesome Valley By Gilbert M Martin

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER: Seth L. Leypoldt

LORD’S PRAYER: #895 UM Hymnal

HYMN: #2105 The Faith We Sing “Jesus, Tempted in the Desert”

MESSAGE & ANTHEM: FOR ALL THE DAYS THAT END IN WH “Y”
“Why Does Temptation Look So Good?” Luke 4:1-13, John 8:44

GIVING BACK TO GOD: Chuck Kestle

DOXOLOGY: *(standing)* #94 UM Hymnal “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

HOLY COMMUNION: Hymn #23

HYMN OF BENEDICTION: *(standing)* #297 UM Hymnal “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

BENEDICTION *(standing)* *(all read together)*
The journey has begun. God is with us. We go forth to learn, to teach, to serve. We go bringing peace and hope to all in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

POSTLUDE: Fred Crase

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, March 9
9:00 AM Adult Sunday School
10:30 PM Worship
11:30 AM Coffee and Conversation
3:00 Youth Group

Tuesday, March 11
7:00 PM Mining City Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, March 12
8:00 AM Women’s 4th Day
10:00 PM Midweek Lipreaders
5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Men’s 4th Day

Thursday, March 13
9:00 AM AARP Tax-Aide Service
4:00 PM Girl Scouts

Friday, March 14
7:00 AM Men’s Breakfast

Saturday, March 15
10:00 AM Confirmation Class

Sunday, March 16
9:00 AM Adult Sunday School
10:30 PM Worship
11:30 AM Coffee and Conversation
3:00 PM Youth Group

If you would like to do-
nate towards the cost of
Easter flowers in honor of
or in memory of loved ones, please contact the
church office at: (406) 782-2425



This week’s Coffee Hour is
hosted by the Trustees.
Next week’s Coffee Hour is
hosted by the Barnabas.

Welcoming Statement

Aldersgate UMC affirms that all are made in the image of God, having sacred worth & dig-
nity. Each person has a unique story, whether it is by circumstance or choice. With many gifts and passions, we come, as we are, to journey together following Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement

Welcome home to Aldersgate, a community growing in Christ, led by the Holy Spirit:

Welcoming to all, Gathering in relationship to inspire and nurture a spirit of compassion, and Serving each other, the community and the world, wherever there is need.



This year, each month we will be fea-
turing a different mission. This month’s
mission is UMCOR.

March 16, 2024
FOR ALL THE DAYS THAT END
IN WH “Y”: “Why Does God Ask
The Impossible?”



Midweek Lipreaders – a Lay-led Bible study – will continue to meet at 10:00 AM Wednesday mornings to continue our book – “Knowing: Basics of the Faith”. Anyone who enjoys good conversation and black Methodist coffee is welcome to at-
tend!

Week 6: “God”

Churches multiply peace initiatives in eastern Congo

By Judith Osongo
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Young people hold a banner during a rally for peace in Kindu, Congo, in early February. Behind them, United Methodist clergy and other young people march to demand peace in eastern Congo, where fighting between M23 rebels and the Congolese army has escalated in recent months. Photo by Chadrack Tambwe Londe, UM News.

Against a backdrop of violence and a worsening humanitarian crisis in eastern Congo, The United Methodist Church is stepping up initiatives to demand peace. The capture of Goma and Bukavu by the rebels of the March 23 (M23) Movement, supported by the Rwandan army, marked a significant escalation in the conflict. In late January, the rebels took control of Goma, the capital of North Kivu, and continued their advance toward South Kivu, where they captured Bukavu in early February.

The events have led to a humanitarian crisis, with thousands of displaced civilians and heavy loss of life. Some 4,000 people have died, including eight United Methodists. The international community, including the United Nations, has called for a ceasefire and mediation efforts to avoid a regional escalation of the conflict.

Catholic and Protestant churches in Congo also are mobilizing to promote peace and reconciliation. The National Episcopal Conference of Congo and the Church of Christ in Congo, of which The United Methodist

Church is a member, launched an initiative called “Social Pact for Peace and Living Well Together in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Great Lakes Region.”

The initiative strives to bring together sociopolitical and regional players to find lasting solutions to the security crisis in the east of the country. The religious leaders met with several Congolese political leaders, including President Félix Tshisekedi, leaders of the M23 in Goma, and international figures such as Rwandan President Paul Kagame. The goal of the peace pact is to encourage an inclusive national dialogue to strengthen cohesion and avoid the resort to arms.

The Rev. Eric Nsenga with the Church of Christ in Congo emphasized that its primarily pastoral approach aims to carry the voices of thousands of Congolese. “We launched the initiative, which is why we’re bringing all the stakeholders together,” he said. “We started in Kinshasa, and now we’re in Goma, before extending the initiative outside the country.”

Meanwhile, in early February, young United Methodists joined other Congolese in a march through the streets of Kindu to call for peace in Goma.

The regional youth coordinator of The United Methodist Church in eastern Congo, Dr. Hervé Mboko Tshoso, said the march was a mark of national unity and support.

“The Congolese people, especially those in the east, need peace and stability,” Tshoso said. “This march is a good way of conveying the voice of the entire population, firstly to God, to the authorities at the national level and to the entire interna-

Read the rest on [UMNews.org](https://umnews.org)

March 2, 2024
Worship: 87 (in person) 38 (online)
Mission of the Month Offering (to date): \$31.75

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

To Our Guests:

We are blessed to have you worship with us! We are grateful that you chose Aldersgate United Methodist Church as a place to live out your faith. Please fill out the Attendance Register that will soon be handed out by one of the ushers. Your address and phone number are Important to us, as well. We hope you have wonderful experience today.

Children bring wonderful gifts to worship and their presence and participation is encouraged. **A Fun Bag** full of items to be used during worship is located at the entrance of our sanctuary. Please return the bag to the bin for use next week. If you feel uncomfortable with their energy and need to move about, please feel free to use our chapel area where you are able to see and hear the service while children play and rest. The ushers and greeters are also available to direct your attention to our **nursery** with its paid staff and to help with any needs you may have.

If you are comfortable with standing please stand in those places marked “*standing.*”



March 9, 2025
“Why Does Temptation Look So Good?”

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Liturgist: Curt Quist
Communion Servers: Chuck Kestle, Pastor Seth & Curt Quist
Director of Music: Fred Crase
Pianist/Organist: Fred Crase
Head Ushers: Bonnie Canty, Sharon Miller & Janet Ralph
Tech Staff: Bruce Schuelke, Nathan Hunt, Ed Dobb, Ryan Belke & Jackie Timmer
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