

ORDER OF WORSHIP – June 29, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Seth & Chuck Kestle

WELCOMING THE CHRIST LIGHT:

Acolytes

OPENING PRAYER *(standing) (all read together)*

Holy One, the waters tremble and the skies open. Your voice rumbles with thunder, flashes with lightning, and crashes with waves as the earth shakes. And yet, there is peace in your voice. You trouble the waters of our spirits, even as you soothe the struggles of our souls. Your footprints guide our way— unseen by human eyes, but always visible to our hearts. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *(standing)* #64 UM Hymnal

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

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

LAMBS OF GOD MOMENT

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER:

Chuck Kestle

LORD’S PRAYER: #895 UM Hymnal

HYMN:

#707 UM Hymnal

“Hymn of Promise”

MESSAGE:

“The Unforgiven”

2 Corinthians 12:9-10; James 5:16; John 8:3-11; Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 18:21-22 - Karen Sargeant

GIVING BACK TO GOD:

Seth L. Leypoldt

DOXOLOGY: *(standing)* #94 UM Hymnal

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

HOLY COMMUNION:

Hymn #23

HYMN OF BENEDICTION: *(standing)* #378 UM Hymnal “Amazing Grace”

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL TO THE PASTOR:

(Seth says): I thank you, the members and friends of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

(The Congregation responds): We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave for Stevensville United Methodist Church. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave with your departure.

(Seth says): I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new pastor, Sue McNicol.

(Seth says): Let us pray.

(The Congregation Responds): Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION *(standing) (all read together)*

We are the People of God with the mantle of God’s love and mercy is upon us. We carry it with us, as we go and serve. Amen.