

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—July 31, 2022



CALL TO WORSHIP

By Nancy C. Townley

LEADER: Our lives are in the care of God.

PEOPLE: **God has given us abundance and hope.**

LEADER: This day we have come to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us.

PEOPLE: **We gather to celebrate God's love and to offer our lives in service.**

LEADER: Come, let us open our hearts to the Lord!

PEOPLE: **Let us rejoice in God's goodness and love. AMEN.**

HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

#126

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

Text: Johann J. Schütz; Translator: Francis E. Cox
Music: Maurice F. Bell

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV)

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Christ in glory.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.



HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

#102 vs 1

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

Words: Martin Rinkart (1636), Translated: Catherine Winkworth (1858)
Music: Johann Crüger, (1647) Harm by Felix Mendelssohn (1840)

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

written by Richard Einerson, inspired by Psalm 107, Luke 12: 13-21

Our gracious, eternal God, we bow to you who are from everlasting to everlasting. We thank you for that seed of uneasiness which you have placed within us which causes us to hunger and thirst for an inner peace which endures. Yet we often wander on life's journey and fail to find peace.

- We keep our eye upon those who are more successful and we become consumed by envy.
- We carry resentment against life's unfairness.
- We long for a security which money might bring but fail to see that there is no way money can cure our inner discontent.

Bend your ear to us this day. Provide your healing touch and help us to redirect our search for security and peace. Establish our soul under your control.

- Help us always to remember that it is you who lend us life and that life is a gift.
- Help us to know that the purpose of life is always greater than believing that we have enough for tomorrow.
- Help us to remember that our resources also are only a gift and that we are only caretakers with a responsibility for the well-being of our sisters and brothers.
- Help us to remember that true riches do not lie in abundance but in being rich toward you who alone offer a peace which passes all understanding.

O God, we ask that you would transform us and provide us victory over all greed and earthly distractions. That you establish our hearts in the abundance of your grace as we remember the needs of your Beloved children.

(offering of silent prayers)

In the name of Jesus Christ, the gift of life, hear us now as we pray the prayer He taught us saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

#102 vs 2

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

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GIVING

RESPONSE

#95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 107:1-9 (NIV)

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's love endures forever.
- ² Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—
those God redeemed from the hand of the foe,
- ³ those God gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south.
- ⁴ Some wandered in desert wastelands,
finding no way to a city where they could settle.
- ⁵ They were hungry and thirsty,
and their lives ebbed away.
- ⁶ Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
and the Lord delivered them from their distress.
- ⁷ God led them by a straight way
to a city where they could settle.
- ⁸ Let them give thanks to the Lord for God's unfailing
love and God's wonderful deeds for humankind,
- ⁹ for God satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

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MESSAGE

Stories of Redeeming Love

Rev. David W. Brown

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HYMN

God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us

#100, Adaptive Lyrics vs 3

God, whose love is reigning o'er us,
source of all, the ending true;
hear the universal chorus
raised in joyful praise to you:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
worship ancient, worship new.

Word of God from nature bringing
springtime green and autumn gold;
mountain streams like children singing,
ocean waves like thunder bold:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
as creation's tale is told.

Holy God of ancient glory,
showing us what love can do;
Abram's faith and Sarah's story
formed a people bound to you.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
to your covenant keep us true.

Covenant, new again in Jesus,
Starchild born to set us free;
sent to heal us, sent to teach us
how love's children we might be.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
risen Christ, our Savior he!

Lift we then our human voices
in the songs that faith would bring;
live we then in human choices
lives that, like our music sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
joined in love our praises ring!

Text: William Boyd Grove 1980

Music: WillJohn Goss, 1869

BENEDICTION

Proverbs 3:5-6, New Living Translation

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.
Seek God's will in all you do,
and God will direct your paths.
Go in the strength of the Creator, Redeemer,
and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Stand as you are able*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Carol Ney

Liturgist at 9:40 – Hanlin Bavely

Special Music at 9:40 – John Woll & Megan Schneider

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Bob and Nancy Lee Webster, in loving memory of her grandmother, Nancy Mayers Lee, born July 31, 1896, and Madison J. Lee, her husband. Nancy Webster was born July 31, 1946, as her grandmother's first grandchild she was named after her grandmother. Bob and Nancy Webster were married on June 24, 1967, her grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary; and also in memory of Helen L. Webster born July 31, 1910, Bob's mother; Francis L. Webster, born August 17, 1903, Bob's father; and Charles and Sara Jackson, Nancy's parents.



Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium following the 9:40 service!

**REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE**



**ONLINE
GIVING**



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**Items received by 8/2
will make it to IPM's
Back-to-School Event.***

One of our local mission partners, Inter Parish Ministry (IPM), plans to help 350 area children get ready for the upcoming school year! We are collecting specific school supplies for their drive:

- Children's headphones / earbuds
- 1-subject wide-ruled notebooks
- Lined index cards
- Pencil sharpeners

**SCHOOL
SUPPLY
Drive**

Donations can be placed in the designated area in the Atrium or anytime between the Atrium entrance doors; monetary donations can be placed in the offering or sent to the office with "School Supplies" in the memo line.

**Supplies received later will go to IPM's Pantry for children to use throughout the school year.*



We are looking for lead teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. Education degree preferred. If you or you know of someone who might be interested, please email Amy Voss, Director, at avoss@armstrongchapel.org.

FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — NEW TIME

We are excited to announce a new time for the long-running Friday Morning Men's Bible Study. Our new start time will begin August 5 at 7:00am. We will continue to do verse by verse study of Scripture each Friday in the Armstrong Room. The donuts and coffee will be part of our main attractions. The study is offered via Zoom each week as well. Contact Pastor David if you would like to receive the weekly reminder and study guide. Discover what studying with other men can mean for your spiritual growth and development as a servant of Christ! Email dbrown@armstrongchapel.org or contact the church office at 513-561-4220 ext. 302 to reach his voicemail.



**FAMILY
MOVIE
NIGHT**

Friday, August 26
7:00pm – inside
Popcorn & Drinks
Provided



**TUTORING IN
MADISONVILLE**

This past school year we were able to get back into the building and work 1:1 with 15 students at John P. Parker Elementary in Madisonville. Plans are to continue with Parker Kids Club on Tuesdays this coming school year. The program will run in its entirety from 2:30-4:30pm with the first hours offering either an Enrichment Club or Chess Club (students' choice), followed by 1:1 tutoring at 3:30pm for an hour. Program is currently planned to begin on September 6.

Can you commit to helping us make a difference in the lives of these kids? We are currently recruiting tutors for the upcoming 2022-23 school year! Sign up today at <https://bit.ly/3xl7iON>.

One hour really does make a difference! If you have questions, please connect with Dianna Sheely (dsheely@armstrongchapel.org).