

# Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—May 8, 2022



*We celebrate and remember mothers today.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

written by Ruth Card Duck

- LEADER:** A woman came to anoint the Lord and washed his feet with her tears.
- PEOPLE:** **Thanks be to God for such tender care.**
- LEADER:** Women stood by and witnessed the events of the cross.
- PEOPLE:** **What wondrous love.**
- LEADER:** Jesus said, "Woman behold your son, son behold your mother" as we saw the disciple John accept the care for His mother.
- PEOPLE:** **So, we embrace the role to provide care for such women of faith.**
- LEADER:** Women came to the tomb and found risen Lord.
- PEOPLE:** **He is risen as He said!**
- ALL:** **Alleluia! Christ is with us!**

## HYMN

*Marching to Zion*  
#733

Come, we that love the Lord,  
and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
join in a song with sweet accord  
and thus surround the throne,  
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain: *We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion,  
the beautiful city of God.*

Let those refuse to sing  
who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King,  
but children of the heavenly King  
may speak their joys abroad,  
may speak their joys abroad. (Refrain)

The hill of Zion yields  
a thousand sacred sweets  
before we reach the heavenly fields,  
before we reach the heavenly fields,  
or walk the golden streets,  
or walk the golden streets. (Refrain)

Then let our songs abound,  
and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
to fairer worlds on high,  
to fairer worlds on high. (Refrain)

Text: Isaac Watts; refrain by Robert Lowry  
Music: Robert Lowry

## SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 31:30 (NRSV)

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

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

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

Korean Methodist Church #884

**We believe in the one God,  
creator and sustainer of all things,  
Father of all nations,  
the source of all goodness and beauty,  
all truth and love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God manifest in the flesh,  
our teacher, example, and Redeemer,  
the Savior of the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
God present with us for guidance, for comfort,  
and for strength.**

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins,  
in the life of love and prayer,  
and in grace equal to every need.**

**We believe in the Word of God  
contained in the Old and New Testaments as  
the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.**

**We believe in the church,  
those who are united in the living Lord  
for the purpose of worship and service.**

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**We believe in the reign of God  
as the divine will realized in human society,  
and in the family of God,  
where we are all brothers and sisters.**

**We believe in the final triumph of righteousness  
and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN** *Majesty, Worship His Majesty*  
#176

Majesty, worship His Majesty:  
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority,  
Flow from His throne unto His own, His anthems raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship His Majesty, Jesus who died, now  
glorified, King of all Kings.

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## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

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Powerful and loving God, you gave the gift of your son  
through a woman Mary. You have raised Jesus Christ  
from the dead. God raise us too.

May fresh life burst among us like buds awakening to  
spring. Break through the hard ground of distrust and  
self-hatred that prevents us from loving so new life  
can emerge.

Nurture new community where fear has kept us from  
the stranger and each other. Keep us patient in  
sowing justice and planting peace. Teach us to trust  
the slow process from seed to stem, from stem to  
flower, from flower to fruit.

Breathe on us with your Spirit, through the risen  
Christ, who taught us to pray 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.**

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**OFFERING** #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** Acts 9:36-43 (NRSV)

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was  
Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to  
good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she  
became ill and died. When they had washed her, they  
laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near  
Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there,  
sent two men to him with the request, "Please come  
to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with  
them; and when he arrived, they took him to the  
room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him,  
weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that  
Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter  
put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and  
prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get  
up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she  
sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up.  
Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to  
be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and  
many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile Peter stayed  
in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

**MESSAGE** *A Woman of Faith – Raising of Dorcas*  
Rev. David Brown

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## HYMN

*Near to the Heart of God*  
#472

There is a place of quiet rest,  
near to the heart of God;  
a place where sin cannot molest,  
near to the heart of God.

Refrain: *O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us who wait before thee  
near to the heart of God.*

There is a place of comfort sweet,  
near to the heart of God;  
a place where we our Savior meet,  
near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

There is place a place of full release,  
near to the heart of God;  
a place where all is joy and peace,  
near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

Text & Music: Cleland B McAfee, 1903

## BENEDICTION

adapted from Joel 2:12-18

Blow the trumpet in Zion! We go from this place in repentance, young and old, male and female, joyful and sorrow-filled. Rend your hearts and not your garments. God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

In the name of the One who is, who was, and who is to come. Amen.

*Liturgist at 8:20 – Mark Paluta*

*Liturgist at 9:40 – Jay DeWitt*



FELLOWSHIP

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

**REGISTER YOUR  
ATTENDANCE**

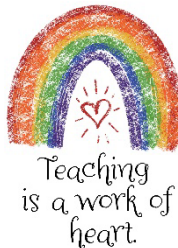


**ONLINE  
GIVING**



## Armstrong Preschool is **HIRING!**

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](mailto:avoss@armstrongchapel.org).



Armstrong Chapel wants to celebrate the hard work and amazing accomplishments of the graduating class of 2022.

If you're graduating from high school or college, fill out the form and let us know!

<https://bit.ly/3grGJq4>

We will recognize graduates during worship on May 15.



## Twin Lakes Meet & Greet

in the chapel at Twin Lakes Friday May 20 @ 1:30pm

Come meet some of the newest staff of Armstrong Chapel at a gathering with Pastors David and Elizabeth Brown. We are excited to introduce Intern Associate, Pastor Brandon Long, and Director of Digital Programming and Communications, Shanon Rice. *Invite a friend and spend moments in fellowship.*

## Hands-On Missions is Returning!

Our mission partner, Found House/Interfaith Housing Network (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network – aka: IHN), is returning to housing families in partner churches beginning in June. (They've been in hotels in COVID.) Three churches in Hyde Park (Church of the Redeemer, Knox Presbyterian, and Hyde Park Community UMC) have coordinated to offer space to IHN families throughout the upcoming summer months.

Although we will not house them at here Armstrong, our next scheduled host week is Sunday, June 5 - Saturday, June 11. **Volunteers are needed to provide and serve (host) dinner** at Knox Presbyterian in Hyde Park each night. Food (for usually around 15 people) will need to be delivered to Knox (main door) between 5:00-5:30pm. The dinner hosting time is 5:30-6:30pm. Sign up today! <https://bit.ly/3MNI1lw> Questions? Contact Shannon Mills at 513-368-5836.



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### Special Service

**Sunday, May 22**

**10am in the Sanctuary**

(note service time change from 9:40am)

**Rev. Dr. Jerry Dickey**

Guest Preacher

Associate Pastor here in the early 1970s to early 80s, Jerry will be celebrating 50 years since his arrival to minister at Armstrong Chapel.



### Register for VBS! July 11-14

Get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into our neighborhood for the summer's biggest party! This VBS invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11: "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met.

Monday-Thursday from 9:30-12  
\$50 per child (age 4 to entering grade 5)

[ArmstrongChapel.org/children](http://ArmstrongChapel.org/children)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ARMSTRONG GOLF SCRAMBLE

Hosted by Armstrong Men's Ministry

**Friday, July 8**

Hamilton Elks Golf Club

**Male, female, and coed foursomes welcome!**

9:00am Shotgun Start

\$100 per player – includes green fees, cart, lunch, range balls, mulligan and string for putting

Registration: [bit.ly/3uBIRUa](http://bit.ly/3uBIRUa)

Sponsorship Opportunities: [bit.ly/3O6y8aB](http://bit.ly/3O6y8aB)



### 144<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Observance

Monday, May 30

@ 10:30am

Old Armstrong Chapel (outside)



**Sunday, May 29 – 9:40am worship**

No Sunday School. There will be childcare for nursery through age 3.



Our next work date is Saturday, June 4 at 1665 Jonathan Avenue in Evanston. There are a wide variety of jobs/roles, so we are seeking volunteers of any skill level: construction work (experienced & not) and non-strenuous tasks. To offer your services or to get more info, contact Geoff Smith at [geoff.smith@fuse.net](mailto:geoff.smith@fuse.net) or 513-240-1468.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO THESE MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS EVENTS

### Together for Mental Health:

#### Navigating A Crisis in Our Community

Monday, May 16 from 7:00-8:00pm @ Milford 1<sup>st</sup> UMC (free)

**In-person or online** (church's website or Facebook page)

Millions of people in the United States are affected by mental illness each year. Leaders from Milford Schools, NAMI, Child Focus and other organizations will share strategies for destigmatizing this critical issue. You'll also learn how faith plays a role in one's mental health and how community organizations like churches can support those struggling with conditions that often impact one's mental health, including stress, depression, anxiety, isolation, and hopelessness.



#### Community Education Day

**Sunday, May 15**

11am- 4pm @ Manor House in Mason

An afternoon of enhancing awareness about the facts of mental illness and addiction. Knowledge helps break down stigma and encourages individuals and families to seek life-changing help. \$10 per person includes lunch. For complete details, visit: [lindnercenter.ejoinme.org/CED2022](http://lindnercenter.ejoinme.org/CED2022).

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# Because of **YOU**

### **Comments received from the challenge “Because of you...” provided by the Armstrong Men:**

Because of you ... our family is in a beautiful place.  
Because of you ... God is watching over me and blessing me.  
Because of you ... my life and changed it in so many ways.  
Because of you ... the kids and I have an anchor, providing stability in our lives, just like the rock of Gibraltar.  
Because of you ... joining me in a new spiritual journey, building on the path that I had been on my own for so long. And together we have been working towards sowing spiritual seeds in our children's lives.  
Because Proverbs 31:10 says ... An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.  
Because of you ... we've enjoyed the journey! While the practical work is clear (aka what's for dinner?), it's the emotional support at just the right times and the steadfast spiritual partnership that form the foundation. Such a wonderful wife and dedicated, tireless mother!  
Because of you ... I was unconditionally loved, cared for, tolerated, understood, supported, trusted, and guided into being the man I am today.  
Because of you ... strong leadership in the community is provided.  
Because of you ... I serve others.

Because of you ... I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and know Him as my Savior!  
Because of you ... I received a glimpse of unconditional love.  
Because of you ... I know it is OK to cry.  
Because of you ... a spiritual seed was planted and watered inside of me.  
Because of you ... I have a deep sense of faith, and how important the congregation is in helping to support that faith.  
Because of you ... I'm grateful to share life's journey with someone who helps me grow in my faith.  
Because of your love for me, God, and your prayers ... I am a Christian.  
Because of you ... our children were led to the Lord.  
Because of you ... I have emotional balance and safety in my life, just like the boat finally enters the safety of the harbor.  
Because of you ... We shared perfect attendance for seven years in Sunday School/church until I left for college. What a foundation for my faith!  
Because you took a chance on a rebounding divorcee ... 38 plus years later we have been blessed with 2 children and 4 grandchildren plus our extended family totaling 4 children and 10 grandchildren. You've been the glue to guide us over the bumps in the road during this journey.  
Because of you.... I have the wind beneath my wings.  
Because of You ... I have had more success and happiness in my life than I ever imagined.  
Because of you ... I have a strong belief in God and understand His healing power is available to all His beloved children no matter the circumstance.  
Because of you ... we have two wonderful children who love God, and they enjoy spending time with their parents including vacationing with us.  
Because of you ... I was able to retire early because you managed our money wisely.

**Thank you for being you and for all you do.  
To the women who have shaped our lives! Amen!**