

*CALL TO WORSHIP

By Nancy C. Townley

Leader: The world cries to us in its distress. How

shall we answer?

People: We cannot pass by as though nothing is

wrong.

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People: We cannot become so focused on

ourselves that others mean nothing to

us.

Leader: How shall we answer?

People: We shall be the neighbor in service,

reconciliation and compassion wherever we can. In Jesus' Holy Name. AMEN.

*HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory #577

God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1930) Music: John Hughes (1907)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:29-37 (NIV)

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

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

MODERN AFFIRMATION

#881

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the

one true church, apostolic, and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

People: We believe in God the Father,

Infinite in wisdom, power, and love, Whose mercy is over all his works, And whose will is ever directed to his

children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, The gift of the Father's unfailing grace, The ground of our hope, And the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
As the divine presence in our lives,
Whereby we are kept in perpetual
remembrance
Of the truth of Christ,
And find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself

In the service of love
As set forth in our example of our blessed
Lord,

To the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth, Amen.

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CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM @ 9:40



Benjamin Keith Grant Son of Geoff & Kathryn

RESPONSE OF ALL: With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart #500 vs 4

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.

To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh, teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Text: George Croly (1867) Music: Frederick C. Atkinson (1870)

PASTORAL PRAYER

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Lord, how are we ever going to be your disciples? We are overwhelmed by the needs of the world. The cries of people who feel threatened by others, those who are in need, those who are in danger, those who are alienated, ring in our ears and in our hearts. Sometimes we would just like to run and hide, hoping that all this turmoil will go away. But it doesn't. It sits outside our doors and waits for us to do something.

Lord, help that "Something" be service and compassion. Help us to remember how you have forgiven and blessed each one of us, how you have called us blessed and beloved. You remind us in today's scripture of the compassion a Samaritan had on one who was injured. We like that story, but now is the time for us to take that story to heart. We are called to reach beyond our comfort zone, to those in need, to the alien, the injured, the lost, the lonely. It is difficult for us to do and we need to feel your powerful presence with us.

Bless us again, O Lord, with a good measure of courage and strength that we may truly serve you. Bless those whose names and situations we have brought before you today for healing and hope. In your mercy and love, help us to reach out to others as you have reached out to us.

Lord, hear now your people as we pray as you 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.

HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart #500 vs 5

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the kindling of the heaven-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

> Text: George Croly (1867) Music: Frederick C. Atkinson (1870)

*GIVING #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

Colossians 1:1-8 (NIV)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

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MESSAGE

Living By Faith: Lessons for Life IV Rev. David Brown

Matthias – Acts 1:26
Serving when and where God calls
Joseph Barsabbas – Acts 1:23-24
Trusting when things don't go your way
Stephen – Acts 6:8
Facing fear with Jesus
Eutychus – Acts 20

Sleeping in church windows

Aquila and Priscilla – Romans 16:3-4

Partners are God's gift

Onesimus – Philemon 10

Free to be Useful

Philemon - Philemon 7

Repairing earthly rifts

Timothy – 1 Timothy 4:12

Empowered by the servant-love of Jesus

The Penitent Criminal – Luke 23:43

Today is the ideal day to receive mercy

*HYMN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

#402

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Text & Music: William Farley Smith (1986)
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*BENEDICTION

inspired by Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Therefore, go out into the world and love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love others as you love yourself. And the blessing and joy of God, our Creator, Healer, and Life-Giver go with you today and always. Amen.

*Stand as you are able

Liturgist at 8:20 – Scott Darrah Liturgist at 9:40 – Shelley Bamberger Special Music at 9:40 – John Siarris Guest Organist at 9:40 – Susan Herman

Prelude: Rhosymedre -R.Vaughan Williams Postlude: Postlude in D -Healey Willan



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





Sunday, July 17 @10:00am in the Worship Center Vacation Bible School Celebration

Enjoy some Kond Ice following the service!

Christians are invited to trust that God not only wants to meet the needs of God's children, but God wants to lavish us with spiritual blessings, even to overflowing – Psalm 23:5.

(Combined 9:40 & 10:30 services. No change to 8:20 Old Chapel service.)





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) <u>ArmstrongChapel.org/children</u>

Meals Needed for IHN - Hands-On Missions

Our mission partner, Found House: Interfaith Housing Network (IHN), has returned to housing families in partner churches. Three churches in Hyde Park have coordinated to offer space to IHN families throughout the summer months.



Although we will not house them at here Armstrong, our next scheduled outreach nights are Tuesday, August 2, and Wednesday, August 3. Volunteers are needed to provide and serve (host) dinner at Church of the Redeemer in Hyde Park each night. Food (for usually around 15-20 people) will need to be delivered to Redeemer between 5:00-5:30pm. The dinner hosting time is 5:30-6:30pm.

Sign up today! https://bit.ly/3ycgP10.

Questions? Contact Shannon Mills at 513-368-5836.



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).