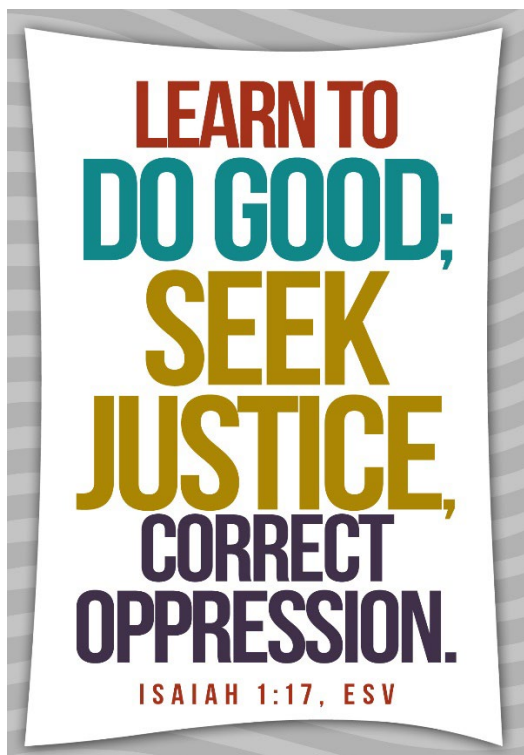


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*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Rev. Mindi, inspired by Joel 2:12

LEADER: Turn away from the calls of the world.

PEOPLE: **Repent—and turn back to God.**

LEADER: Turn away from the desire to have what everyone else has.

PEOPLE: **Seek goodness—and turn back to God.**

LEADER: Turn away from the race for power.

PEOPLE: **Flee from evil—and turn back to God.**

LEADER: May we seek and share forgiveness,
may we seek and offer healing,
may we be made whole.

PEOPLE: **May our hearts be renewed in this time of worship.**

*HYMN

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath
#60

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life, and thought, and being last,
or immortality endures.

Happy are they whose hopes rely
on Israel's God, who made the sky
and earth and seas, with all their train;
whose truth forever stands secure,
who saves th' oppressed and feeds the poor,
for none shall find God's promise vain.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
the Lord supports the fainting mind
and sends the laboring conscience peace.
God helps the stranger in distress,
the widow and the fatherless,
and grants the prisoner sweet release.

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praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life, and thought, and being last,
or immortality endures.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719 alt. John Wesley (1737)
Music: *Matthaus Greiter, 1525; harm. V. Earle Copes, 1963*
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SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:32-34 NRSV

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

HYMN

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus
#362 refrain only

O precious is the flow
that makes me bright as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Words & Music: Robert Lowry, 1876

A PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Keith Howard, inspired by Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Our God, we give you thanks. Thank you for not giving up on us. We know we are prone to bad habits, to preoccupation with ourselves, with what we want, with that with which we feel comfortable, with fulfilling the obligations that give us affirmation. Thank you for calling us back.

So much of our life becomes routine and automated and we are drawn to live into what next needs to be done, we ask for your help to be courageous in our listening and to be still in order to hear, to let down the defenses we hide behind.

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We know there are times you draw near and want to talk and we divert. We know there are times when you desperately want to lead us into green pastures; beside still waters; to restore our soul, to lead us in right paths ... Help us listen and give us courage.

Thank you for your persistence, for your love, for the many voices, the many ways in which you try and get through to us. Do not give up on us even when we have given up on ourselves.

Our God, you draw us back to the fundamentals – cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

And yet, we are your people, formed with these concerns now in our bones; so we lift our hearts and our prayers to you for all those who suffer – oppression, injustice, neglect, poverty, a sense of being alone against massive powers which ignore or destroy.

We open our hearts and our eyes and ask you to continue to move against all these forces even if it requires us to move from our comfort. For we will be your people even in spite of ourselves.

We join our voices with those early ones, the lepers, the sick, the outcast who pleaded with Jesus, for the sake of the world and their own sakes, united together 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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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

Isaiah 1:16-17, NRSV

¹⁶ Wash yourselves;
make yourselves clean;
remove your evil deeds from before my eyes;
cease to do evil;
¹⁷ learn to do good;
seek justice;
rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

A Saturday Night Bath
Rev. David W. Brown

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ministry Matters, inspired by Isaiah 1

**O God,
your call for justice is so clear
that we are amazed at how easily
we fail to hear you
over the sounds of daily life.
We want to cease to do evil.
We want to learn to do good.
Yet, we rarely do all we can
to rescue, defend, and plead
for those in need.**

**As you have sought us out,
so we seek your pardon.
Grant us courage, we pray,
as persons, as communities, and as nations,
to bring about the justice you desire. Amen.**

ASSURANCE

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" –
and God forgave the guilt of my sin.—Psalm 32:5

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed
#881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HOLY TABLE OF THE LORD

adapted from writing by Anita Monro

Grain is gathered from the field; threshed and milled for flour. We are formed from the grain of God's harvest. Flour is mixed with water to produce basic dough. The water of baptism unites us.

The vision of God's realm draws us onwards. Oil softens the dough and makes a new texture. The Holy Spirit anoints us as the body of Christ. A little salt improves the taste. Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth.

The bread is kneaded and shaped, molded and baked. It is God who makes us a holy communion. Grapes are harvested and crushed for juice. Christ is the vine, we are the branches, and finally, the feast is here! Let us celebrate the feast of our life in Christ.

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP



*HYMN

In Christ There is No East or West
#548

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
Both male and female heirs are made,
And all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in Him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham (1913); vs 3 Laurence Hull Stookey (1987)
Music: Harry T. Burleigh; Afro-American spiritual
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*BENEDICTION

adapted from writing by Paul Randall

The bread we share makes us one.
The cup we pour makes us one.
Even as we scatter from this worship
to so many diverse pursuits
throughout this community, this globe,
we are one.
With gratitude we share the Table.
With gratitude we depart from each other.
With gratitude we celebrate one another,
trusting in the One
Who makes us one.
Go in peace.
In the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit we pray.
Amen.

Liturgist at 8:20 – Alan Stuart
Liturgist at 9:40 – Stephen Hoard
Special Music at 9:40 – Seth Cornelius



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

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE



ONLINE GIVING



*Stand as you are able

Madisonville Braves Celebration Party – Volunteers Needed



We are hosting a party to celebrate the end of a successful season for the boys and girls of the Madisonville Braves. **Would you like to help cook or serve at the picnic?** We'll be celebrating at the

Oakley Cincinnati Recreation pool on Paxton on **Sunday, August 14 from 2-5pm**. Sign up here <https://bit.ly/3Sm9ViS>.

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Disciples! Bold. Brave. Fearless.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

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

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.



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).

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