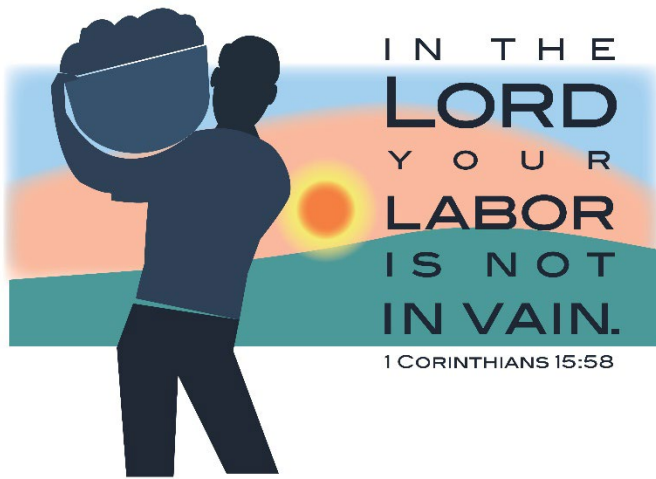


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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Inspired by Romans 12:2, John 17:14-19

LEADER: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world, and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.

PEOPLE: **God has called us together,
God has called us to be community.**

LEADER: May God open our hearts, minds and eyes, allowing us to see deeper, and live in a vision that engages the Spirit at work.

PEOPLE: **Jesus said, "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified."**

LEADER: Recreate us, O God, in the work of your Holy Spirit.

*HYMN

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know
UM Hymnal #299

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707
Music: Lowell Mason, 1824

PRAYER BEFORE READING SCRIPTURE

Prayer attributed to Psalm 139 NIV translation

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.
You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139:13-14 (NRSV)

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully
made. Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

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

HYMN

Wonderful Words of Life
UM Hymnal #600 vs 1

Sing them over again to me,
Wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see,
Wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty
Teach me faith and duty.

Refrain:

Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life;
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life.

Words & Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR LABOR DAY

Adapted from the Services and Prayers for the Church of England 2000

For the world of work in all its diversity:

hear us, good Lord.

For the industry and workplaces of Armstrong Chapel and the Cincinnati community:

hear us, good Lord.

For communities that have lost original founding industries, and for their regeneration:

hear us, good Lord.

For all expanding industries and for the promise of new jobs:

hear us, good Lord.

For study, training, mentoring of work and knowledge through all those who instruct:

hear us, good Lord.

For small businesses and co-operatives:

hear us, good Lord.

For local trade and commerce:

hear us, good Lord.

For all service industries that provide for our daily needs:

hear us, good Lord.

For the unemployed and for those seeking purpose:

hear us, good Lord.

For the retired and those unable to work:

hear us, good Lord.

For all who work as volunteers:

hear us, good Lord.

Enable us to experience the world as you created it to be and as you created us to be. May you hear the prayer Jesus 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

Wonderful Words of Life

UM Hymnal #600 vs 3

Sweetly echo the gospel call,
Wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all,
Wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior,
Sanctify forever.

Refrain:

Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life;
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life.

Words & Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

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

I Corinthians 15:58 (NRSV)

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Excelling in the Work of the Lord

Rev. David W. Brown

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

adapted from Rev. Gord

God of grace, you call us to be different from the world, but the world is seductive, and so we come in worship to be strengthened and forgiven. God of vision, you hold before us an alternate way of life, different priorities, different loyalties, different values. But we know that the world is not only seductive but powerful, and so we are drawn in to following false priorities, accepting false values. God who blesses the meek, the peacemakers, the merciful, forgive us when we lose sight of your qualities, when we misunderstand our role in your world.

...time of silent prayer...

Rejoice and be glad!
God is gracious and God offers blessings.
God calls us to life in the world as God created,
God offers us the chance to explore how to live out God's vision.
We are called, we are forgiven, we are blessed.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

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HOLY TABLE OF THE LORD

adapted from Reform Church

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fall into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the works of grace. Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord;
God of power and might,
praise be the name of the Lord
and manifest your Spirit among us.**

Let your perfect love drive out fear; make us perfect in your love. Fill our minds with your peace and turn our eyes to heaven, where Christ is at your right-hand interceding for us.

Enable us to offer up ourselves in service to Christ and to all your creation. Let no trouble or sorrow distract us from this loving service, and unite us with each other through your Spirit so that we may continue in the living hope of our Savior's.

We give thanks to God the Father that the Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

In unity with Christians everywhere, let us proclaim the mystery of the Christian faith:

**Your death, O Christ, we proclaim.
Your resurrection we affirm with joy.
Your coming we await with hope.
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

Christ for the World We Sing
UM Hymnal #568

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost,
from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with joyful song;
the newborn souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1869)
Music: Felice de Giardini (1769)

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BLESSING

based on a writing in African-American Tradition

We bless the Lord,
who gives us strength to work,
grace to achieve,
compassion to serve,
and favor to live in community.
To God be glory
through the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Liturgist at 8:20 – Scott Darrah

Liturgist at 9:40 – Hanlin Bavely

Special Music at 9:40 – Fran Baker Black



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

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



ONLINE
GIVING



*Stand as you are able

Come to Handbell Choir!

Do you enjoy reading and playing music, and being a part of a musical team? Become a member of the Armstrong Chapel Handbell Choir!



Rehearsals are each Thursday from 6:30-7:25pm. We are especially interested in recruiting strong arms that enjoy playing our larger bell octaves!

Contact our director, Chester Imhausen, at cimhausen@gmail.com or at 513-633-6411, and ring handbells with us!

Chess & Parker Kids Club



As a part of Parker Kids Club, we have a partnership with the Cris Collinsworth Proscan Foundation to offer chess to our tutoring students. Each year we have 10-15 students that participate with the goal of preparing for the Queen City Classic Chess Tournament. We need one volunteer (or two) to join us at J.P. Parker Elementary in Madisonville on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30pm as an adult volunteer assistant to the Chess Instructor. Contact Dianna Sheely (513-561-4220, dsheely@armstrongchapel.org) for more information and to volunteer this fall!

TUTORING IN MADISONVILLE



Can you commit to helping us make a difference in the lives of students at John P. Parker Elementary in Madisonville? We are currently recruiting tutors for the upcoming 2022-23 school year! Parker Kids Club is on Tuesdays from 2:30-4:30pm with the first hour offering either an Enrichment Club or Chess Club, followed by 1:1 tutoring.

One hour really does make a difference! Sign up today at <https://bit.ly/3xl7iON>. If you have questions, please connect with Dianna Sheely (dsheely@armstrongchapel.org).



Fall Kick-Off Brunch

Saturday, October 1
10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Featuring special guest, Laurie Polich Short
Author of *When Changing Nothing Changes Everything*

Eyes To See

Early Registration \$25 per person Sign up by 9/25
\$30 9/26 - 10/1

For more information and to sign up visit our home page at
www.armstrongchapel.org



Direct link for brunch registration: <https://bit.ly/3bZPNmm>

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The fall sermon series for the 8:20am and 8:40am services is based on Jared Byas' book entitled *Love Matters More: How Fighting to Be Right*

Keeps Us from Loving Like Jesus.

Paul appeals to the Corinthians in chapter 13 of his first letter with the point that we know only in part and that prophecy, tongues, and knowledge will cease, but "Love never ends." A more accurate translation of the command of Ephesians 4 is actually "to speak true love." In this study, we'll see how this builds the Christian body of Christ and the opportunities to love as Jesus loves us. Pick up your copy of the book in the Atrium entrance and join in this thought-provoking call to transforming love!



CURRENT STUDY GROUPS

- **Friday Morning Bible Study:** Verse-by-verse study of scripture led by Pastor David Brown. Fridays from 7:00-8:00am in the Armstrong Room and via Zoom.
- **Burgers, Brews and The Bible:** 50 West Burger Bar (inside next to the VW Bus). September 6 and 20 from 6:30-7:45pm. Meeting every other week.
- **Wednesday Breakfast:** National Exemplar in Mariemont. Wednesdays at 7:15am.
- **Nooners Group:** Ferrari's in Madeira. September 14 and 28 from 12:00-1:00pm.



Women
UNITED
at Armstrong Chapel

NEW FALL STUDIES

Mondays at 9:30am beginning September 12 in the Armstrong Room. Led by Kelley Haney and Serena Tsuang. Understand the Bible as one complete story through *Seamless* by Angie Smith. This 7-session study covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. To request a study guide, use this form: <https://bit.ly/3pn6pHH>.

Mondays at 6:30pm beginning September 26 at Panera in Mariemont. Led by Dianna Sheely. RightNow Media online is needed for this group – contact Dianna at dsheely@armstrongchapel.org for our free subscription link.

Tuesdays at 9:45am beginning September 27 at Julie Holland's. Led by Julie Holland.

Romans 8—The Greatest Chapter in the Bible by Laurie Short is an 8-week study from the city of Rome. Scholars and pastors agree that Romans 8 contains everything we need to live our faith. You will see and feel the truths of this incredible chapter, and discover that Paul's words are as powerful and relevant to us today as they were when they were delivered to the church of Rome. Study guide will be provided.

Thursdays at 6:30am beginning September 22 in the Armstrong Room. Led by Jan Bell and Pam Westrup. *The Gospel of John* by William Barclay covers chapters 8-21 brings to the reader a sharpened perception of the meaning of this Gospel in a new and personal way.



BREAD BAKERS NEEDED

to bake breads from around the world to share during Fellowship Time on World Communion Sunday.

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Connect with Lynne Miller
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