

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—September 11, 2022



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Written by Thom Shuman

LEADER: When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

PEOPLE: **God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.**

LEADER: When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

PEOPLE: **Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.**

LEADER: When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:

PEOPLE: **the Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace.**

*HYMN

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast
UM Hymnal #339

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast;
let every soul be Jesus' guest.
Ye need not one be left behind,
for God hath bid all humankind.

Sent by my Lord, on you I call;
the invitation is to all.
Come, all the world! Come, sinner, thou!
All things in Christ are ready now.

Come, all ye souls by sin oppressed,
ye restless wanderers after rest;
ye poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind,
in Christ a hearty welcome find.

My message as from God receive;

ye all may come to Christ and live.
O let his love your hearts constrain,
nor suffer him to die in vain.

This is the time, no more delay!
This is the Lord's accepted day.
Come thou, this moment, at his call,
and live for him who died for all.

Text: Charles Wesley (1747)
Music: Katholisches Gesangbuch, ca. 1774;
adapt. from Metrical Psalter, 1855

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:14-16 (NRSV)

¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

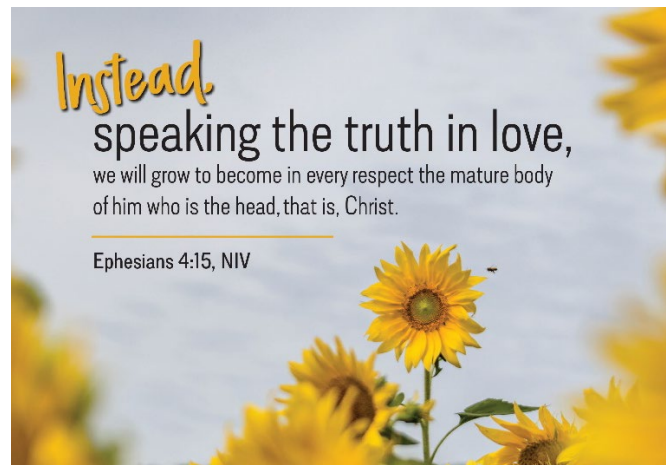
The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

I Need Thee Every Hour
UM Hymnal #397, Refrain only

I need thee, O I need thee;
Every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to thee.

Words: Angie S. Hawks (1872)
Music: Robert Lowry, 1873



PASTORAL PRAYER

adapted from writing by Thom Shuman

God-ever-with-us:

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you draw us near to your heart,
so that, cradled in compassion,
we might see the brokenness
of all who are around us.

Teacher-beside-us:

you draw us near to yourself,
so that, by following you,
we may discover the deep joy
of serving the broken of the world.

Spirit-within-us:

you draw near to us with your peace,
so that, reconciled and restored to God,
we may be the healers to a world shattered by
despair.

Eternal and Sovereign Lord:

In solemn memory, we recall the events of 9/11 and
the lives of those who perished as a result of the
events of this day twenty-one years ago.

God in Community, Holy in One,
as we draw near to you in this time,
we lift the prayer you have 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.

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GIVING

***RESPONSE**

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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

Romans 11:33-36 (NIV)

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom
and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!

³⁴ “Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵ “Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay them?”

³⁶ For from him and through him
and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

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MESSAGE

Love Matters More—Only God Knows

Rev. David W. Brown

HYMN

Just as I am, Without One Plea

UM Hymnal #357

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
hath broken every barrier down;

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now, to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1835)
Music: William B. Bradbury (1849)

Liturgist at 9:40 – Shelley Bamberger

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Fred and Lois Owlett and their son, Timothy Michael Owlett, given by their children - the Eve, Owlett and Averwater families.

Congratulations to Megan Marks and Will Sayre who were married yesterday at Armstrong Chapel. Will is the son of Russell and Sandy Sayre.

BLESSING

inspired by Psalm 36:5-10~ written by Erik Alsgaard

No matter how far we wander from you, O God,
your steadfast love finds us.
No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,
your steadfast righteousness sustains us.
No matter how vulnerable our situation, O God,
your steadfast presence gives us hope.

No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel,
O God,
you hear our cries and answer our prayers.
In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit.
Thanks be to God!



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

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



ONLINE
GIVING



**Stand as you are able*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Carol Ney



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

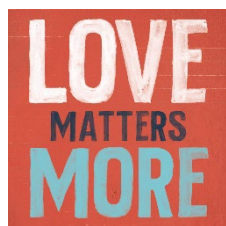
For more information and to sign up visit our home page at
www.armstrongchapel.org



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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!



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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@armstongchapel.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.

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!



Contact our director, Chester Imhausen, at cimhausen@gmail.com or at 513-633-6411, and ring handbells with us! Rehearsals are each Thursday from 6:30-7:25pm. *We are especially interested in recruiting strong arms that enjoy playing our larger bell octaves!*

Armstrong **MEN**
Disciples! Bold.Brave.Fearless.

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.

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MINISTRY.

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have received 50 hours of training to minister to people experiencing crisis or going through a difficult time in life.

During the 9:40am service on Sunday, September 25, new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned.