

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Inspired by 1 John 3, Psalm 47

LEADER: Come and see the love God has given to us. **PEOPLE:** Come and see what it means to be children

of God.

LEADER: Clap your hands! Shout for joy!

PEOPLE: Our Lord reigns, and makes us His

offspring.

LEADER: We open our hearts to the Lord.

PEOPLE: All are invited to this kingdom of grace.

*HYMN

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above
UM Hymnal #96

Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps his court below; praise the holy God of love and all his greatness show; praise him for his noble deeds, praise him for his matchless power; him from whom all good proceeds let earth and heaven adore.

Celebrate th' eternal God with harp and psaltery, timbrels soft and cymbals loud in this high praise agree; praise with every tuneful string; all the reach of heavenly art, all the powers of music bring, the music of the heart.

God, in whom they move and live, let every creature sing, glory to their Maker give, and homage to their King.
Hallowed be thy name beneath, as in heaven on earth adored; praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord.

Text: Charles Wesley (1743) Music: Foundry Collection, 1742

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 18:21 (The Message)

²¹ Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose.

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

BIBLE BLAST @ 9:40am Service

Presentation of Bibles to our 3-year-olds and 3rd graders.

| <u>3 Year Olds</u> | 3 rd Graders |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Pippa Evans | Jennifer Arthur |
| William Jones | Emilie Earhart |
| Kennedy Schrock | Alyssa Garduno |
| Collins Simon | Emeline Goode |
| William Simon | Arabelle Nielsen |
| Lucia Voynovich | Riley Rowedder |
| | Everett Voynovich |
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If your child did not receive or is not listed above and would like to have a Bible, please contact Dianna Sheely.

HYMN

There is a Balm in Gilead UM Hymnal #375, refrain only

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; There is a balm in Gilead to heal a sin-sick soul.

Words: Afro-American Spiritual Jer. 8:22 Music: adapted & arr.(c) 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

PASTORAL PRAYERS

inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139

Father, too often our hearts becomes hard, unpliable, and unmoved because of our stubborn will or due to our own ignorance. Our pride convinces us that we know best and we become reckless along the way. We want to trust You.

We invite You to realign our heart's desires and reshape our will according to Your purpose. Help us to stand firm during the testing periods of our life. Hopelessness is an easily learned behavior. We see for every person that says, "You can do it," there are five others who will say, "Give up!"

O Lord, you have searched us and you know us... You discern our going out and our lying down; you are familiar with all our ways. Before a word is on our tongue you know it completely... Where can we go from your Spirit? Where can we flee from your presence?... For you created our inmost being; you knit us together in our mother's womb. We praise you because we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

There is no place we can go, no situation we can encounter, where God is not there. So, 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

1 John 3:18 (NIV)

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

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MESSAGE Love Matters More- Different Kinds of Truth
Rev. David W. Brown



HYMN

Jesus, Lover of My Soul UM Hymnal #479

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past; safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in thee I find; raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness; false and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee; spring thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

Words: Charles Wesley (1740) Music: Joseph Parry (1879))

BLESSING

inspired by Psalm 4 and Mark 4:39

Holy God, may your peace go with us. May you guide us through the challenges, and inspire us with your love. Rebuked the storm, and say to the chaos, 'Peace, be still!'

May we acknowledge your presence in all goodness.

Now go into this day in the name of the Creator and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Liturgist at 8:20 – Scott Darrah Liturgist at 9:40 – Steve Hoard



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







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



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 Leaders will be commissioned.

Thanksgiving with our neighbors at State Avenue UMC in Lower Price Hill

<u>The meal isn't until November 20 ... but now is the time to plan</u> our annual Thanksgiving meal with the families of State Avenue UMC in Lower Price Hill. We will serve a meal to approximately 100 people in the community. What's needed? Donations, food preparations, transporting, serving and more.

VOLUNTEER & DONATE FOOD

- FOOD NEEDED—Prepared turkey, green beans, pie, cornbread, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, drinks, fresh fruit (apples, bananas, etc.), cupcakes, and more.
- **FIRST SHIFT**—meet at Armstrong, drop off food, and prep food between 11:30am-1:30pm.
- **SECOND SHIFT**—load food, transport to State Ave, and set up for meal 1:30-3:30pm.
- THIRD SHIFT—Serve meal at State Ave and clean up. 3:30-5:30pm.

SIGN UP TODAY for this hands-on outreach! https://bit.ly/3DtsFli

Contact Dianna Sheely with questions at 513-561-4220.



^{*}Stand as you are able

STEPHEN MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO:

Restoring Hope and Supporting Healing with Crime Victims and Survivors

Presented by Jami Nathan

All In Community Training & Ministry Coordinator for the West Ohio Conference UMC

Saturday, October 8, 10:00am-12:30pm

in the Armstrong Room

During this workshop, we will explore where and how people are experiencing harm, the levels of victim impact and what our immediate responses should include when harm has occurred. Ways to equip victim/survivor allies to support long-term social, emotional, and spiritual healing will be shared and discussed. Resources, tools and opportunities for deeper growth to utilize in your restorative justice endeavors, care ministry, and Stephen Ministry victim/survivor care responses will be given.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: westohioumc.org/conference/equipping-events

Cost: \$10 General Participation

\$15 CEU (UMC)/Certificate of Participation (Non-UMC)
This session offers 0.20 CEU or a Certificate of Participation for 2.0 hours.
Questions? Contact Jami Nathan at jami.nathan.22@gmail.com.



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.



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.



District Superintendent Installation Service

Sunday, September 25 at Sharonville UMC, Bishop Palmer from the West Ohio Conference UMC will be in our District for the installation of Jenn Lucas as our new District Superintendent. The service will begin at 4:00pm.



Fall Concert Featuring Ashley Hall, Cornet Soloist

Sunday, October 16 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary A Free-Will Offering will be taken for the Band.



Sundays, October 9, 16, and 23 from 11:00am-1:00pm
Armstrong Room

Lunch will be provided. If you will need childcare, please let us know. Come learn what it means to be a member of the United Methodist Church and Armstrong Chapel. Sign up by checking Box #4 on your Connect Card or go to https://bit.ly/3xuP3gr to sign up online.