

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—October 9, 2022



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Inspired by James 2

LEADER: Come to hear the Word.

PEOPLE: We come to hear and do the Word.

LEADER: Come to experience comfort and challenge.

PEOPLE: We come to find community and God.

*HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
UM Hymnal #57

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your savior come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.

Text: Charles Wesley (1739)

Music: Carl G. Glaser, arr. By Lowell Mason, 1839

SCRIPTURE

2 John 4-6 (The Message)

⁴⁻⁶ I can't tell you how happy I am to learn that many members of your congregation are diligent in living out the Truth, exactly as commanded by the Father. But permit me a reminder, friends, and this is not a new commandment but simply a repetition of our original and basic charter: that we love each other. Love means following his commandments, and his unifying commandment is that you conduct your lives in love. This is the first thing you heard, and nothing has changed.

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (9:40)

Dianna Sheely

HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness
UM Hymnal #140, refrain only

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm (1923)

Music: William M. Runyan (1923)

PASTORAL PRAYERS

Adapted from a prayer by Thom Shuman

Merciful God,
when we fold our hands in prayer, you clasp our wrists to pull us into your heart. When our lives are shattered by the injustices of the world, your love puts us back together, so we can serve with your hope. When we would build walls between us and our neighbors, you come to be the welcoming gate. When we would curse someone who has hurt us in our souls, you sing us songs of blessing. When we would focus only on our needs and our desires, you hand us the dinnerware and ask us to set the Table and welcome your guests. When we would feed on our bitter brokenness, you would offer us the Bread of reconciliation. When we would grasp the Cup of

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peace, and drink it to the last drop, you whisper,
'offer some to those you don't like.'

God in Community, Holy in One, free us of all fears
and doubts, as we pray as Jesus has taught us...

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

James 2:14-19 (NIV)

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

*Love Matters More-
Truth without Love Isn't True*
Rev. David W. Brown

HYMN

O For a Heart to Praise My God
UM Hymnal #417

O for a heart to praise my God,
a heart from sin set free,
a heart that always feels thy blood
so freely shed for me.

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
my great Redeemer's throne,
where only Christ is heard to speak,
where Jesus reigns alone.

A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
believing, true, and clean,
which neither life nor death can part
from Christ who dwells within.

A heart in every thought renewed
and full of love divine,
perfect and right and pure and good,
a copy, Lord, of thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;
come quickly from above;
write thy new name upon my heart,
thy new, best name of Love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1742)
Music: Thomas Haweis (1792)

BLESSING

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Go now, sent by the one who was sent by God.
Walk in the light;
testify to the resurrection of Christ;
forgive the sins of all,
and live at peace with one another.

And may God bless you with life forever;
May Christ Jesus breathe his Spirit
and peace into you;
And may the Holy Spirit lead you
into the life and light of God.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
... In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Stand as you are able*

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Liturgist at 8:20 – Sandy Ader

Liturgist at 9:40 – Beth Eberle



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

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE



ONLINE GIVING



Church-wide fun for all ages! Sunday, October 30 from 11:15am–1:30pm

Enjoy lunch, games, a bouncy house, and pumpkin carving. Bring a pot of chili to share and compete for the “Golden Spoon” Award! Costumes welcome!

It’s fun for the entire family. Invite your friends and neighbors.

We will be collecting food for IPM’s pantry. Anything is appreciated, but the current most-needed items are: Canned Fruit Cocktail, Jelly (plastic jars please), Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce with meat (plastic jars please), Ravioli, Cereal.

Let us know you can bring a pot of chili: <https://bit.ly/3LZ0i6Z>

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

The meal isn’t until November 20 ... but now is the time to plan 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.



Outreach

Thanksgiving

Dinner

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.



Membership Class

CLASS BEGINS TODAY!

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.



FALL CONCERT

Featuring Ashley Hall-Tighe, Cornet Soloist
Sunday, October 16 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
A Free-Will Offering will be taken for the Band.

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ANNUAL MADISONVILLE LEAF RAKING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

The Armstrong Men are once again teaming up with our partners, the Madisonville Braves, to assist Madisonville home owners with fall yard clean up! Let us join together to be Disciples and a light for Christ in being a blessing to others. *Bring the whole family rake!* Contact Andy Mauk to sign up: amauk403@gmail.com, (cell) 513-403-4433. In cooperation with People Working Cooperatively

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



ANNUAL PERIOD PACKS DRIVE: 222 in '22

Women and girls of limited means often lack the funds for sanitary products. Like you and me, they want to experience a period that is comfortable and free of embarrassment. When they lack the needed products, they frequently miss school or work.

Our goal for 2022 is to create 222 PERIOD PACKS. And you can help! We are requesting these specific products to better accommodate the needs of our mission partners:

Regular Size Sanitary Pads – 22 or 28 count
Feminine Hygiene wipes – 32 or 48 count
Hand Sanitizer – 2oz

Regular Size Tampons – 16 or 18 count
Bottles of Ibuprofen – 100 count
(Incontinence products are NOT included in this effort)

To donate products online:

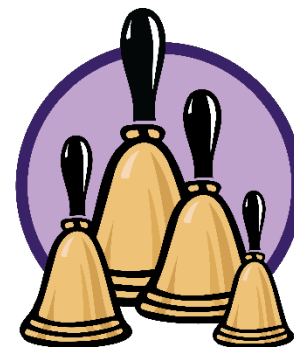
<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/2S3VRPXFJTB3/guest-view>.

If you can't find these items – or don't have time to shop for them – then we welcome your cash donation in the Sunday offering or online at armstrongchapel.org/giving. Each PACK costs ~ \$20.

Dropoff in the designated bins in the Atrium on Sunday or at the church office through November 1 between 9am-2pm on M/T/Th.

We will gift ALL Packs to our mission partners: John P. Parker School, Heritage Hill Elementary School, and Madisonville Education Assistance Center (MEAC).

To assist with collections or to ask a question, contact Shelley Bamberger shelleypresents@gmail.com or Jan Rogers jan@timetimer.com.



Armstrong Handbells invite you to
"A Family Ring" on Sunday, October 30
between the 9:40am worship service
and the Fall Festival!

Have you ever wanted to try something at least once? We encourage singles, parent and teen, grandparent and child, or friends of any age to come to the front of the Sanctuary as the postlude plays. If you want to notify Chester Imhausen in advance, cimhausen@gmail.com, that is fine, but come ring with us even if you decide that very day! The experience starts with "how to ring" and ends with "ring a song," and will be finished in 30 minutes. We welcome you to ring with us!



**Pack shoeboxes so that children in the remote corners
of the world can hear the good news of the gospel.**

Pre-printed boxes and brochures are available in the Atrium.
Visit SamaritansPurse.org for more information.

BOXES ARE DUE 11/13.