

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—October 23, 2022



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Inspired by Psalm 29

LEADER: Let us worship God in the beauty of holiness.

PEOPLE: **We worship the one who is Holy and Compassionate.**

LEADER: We come trusting in God's grace.

PEOPLE: **Holy, holy, holy is our praise to God.**

LEADER: Let us worship and praise God forever.
Amen.

*HYMN

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets
UM Hymnal #108

God hath spoken by the prophets,
spoken the unchanging Word,
each from age to age proclaiming,
God the One, the righteous Lord!
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil,
one firm anchor holdeth fast:
God eternal reigns forever,
God the first, and God the last.

God hath spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son;
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God of God, ere time was born;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
Christ, as God in human form.

God yet speaketh by the Spirit,
speaketh to our hearts again;
in the age-long Word expounding
God's own message, now as then.

Thru the rise and fall of nations,
one sure faith yet standing fast,
God abides, the Word unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.
God the first, and God the last.

Text: George W. Briggs (1952, alt.)

Music: Thomas J. Williams (1890)

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SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 19:33-34 (NRSV)

³³ "When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. ³⁴ The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN @ 9:40

Dianna Sheely

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Affirmation from Romans
#887

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: **No!**

In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN

Sweet Hour of Prayer
UM Hymnal #496 vs 1

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Words: William Walford (1845)

Music: William B. Bradbury (1861)

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PASTORAL PRAYERS

Adapted from Nathan Nettleton

We thank you, God,
for coming to us as a neighbor,
a stranger, an immigrant,
binding our wounds and carrying us to safety,
so that we might love you with all our heart, soul, and
mind, and welcome the stranger,
loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Through Christ Jesus you have taught us to love,
to love our neighbors as ourselves,
and even to love our enemies.
In times of violence and fear,
let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,
so that we may not be overcome with evil
but overcome evil with good.
Help us to see each person in light of the love and
grace you have shown us in Christ.

Put away the nightmares of terror
and awaken us to the dawning of your new creation.
Establish among us a future where peace reigns,
justice is done with mercy,
and all are reconciled.

We surround our leaders in the power of prayer.
Tenderly hold the newborn and innocent.
Sustain those who are emerging in new roles.
Graciously provide helping hands to those who are
meeting the challenges of senior years.

We pray for those in cycles of treatment and health
care. We lift up those caught in conflicts and human
shortcomings. Transform every dysfunction into new
patterns of hope and possibilities.

Mercifully, hear us as we pray as Jesus:

**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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

UM Hymnal #496 vs 2

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Words: William Walford (1845)
Music: William B. Bradbury (1861)

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

Matthew 5:43-47 (NRSV)

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love
your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to
you: Love your enemies and pray for those who
persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your
Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil
and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and
on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love
you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax
collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your
brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than
others? Do not even the gentiles do the same?”

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Love Matters More-

Unconditional Love

Rev. David W. Brown

HYMN

More Love to Thee, O Christ

UM Hymnal #453

More love to thee, O Christ,
more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make
on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

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Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest;
now thee alone I seek,
give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

Let sorrow do its work,
come grief and pain;
sweet are thy messengers,
sweet their refrain,
when they can sing with me:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath
whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry
my heart shall raise;
this still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

Words: Elizabeth P. Prentiss (1869)
Music: William H. Doane (1870)

BLESSING

adapted by a writing by the Rev. Elizabeth Dilley

Wonderful God, you call us to do the impossible:
to love our enemies,
to confront injustice,
to share bountifully with all.

Bless us, therefore, as we depart this worship:
give us the blessing of a faithful spirit, a willing heart,
and a community of grace.
Through the Redeemer, Sustainer and Holy Spirit.
Amen!

**Stand as you are able*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Mark Paluta

Liturgist at 9:40 – Jay Van Winkle



*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
11:30am–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>

An Evening of Hope



Wednesday, November 2, 2022
At 7:00 pm in the Old Chapel

The Stephen Ministers of Armstrong Chapel are pleased to offer a service of remembrance, comfort, and hope. Everyone is invited to share in this time to still your soul, honor your saints and loved ones, grieve your losses, and to be comforted by God’s word and by his music. As we participate in the liturgy and the hymns, in lighting candles, in acknowledging our tears, and in our listening, we will strengthen our community of hope together. Please plan to share in this service of prayer.

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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.

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.



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 **Regular Size Tampons** – 16 or 18 count
Feminine Hygiene wipes – 32 or 48 count **Bottles of Ibuprofen** – 100 count
Hand Sanitizer – 2oz (Incontinence products are NOT included in this effort)

To donate products online:

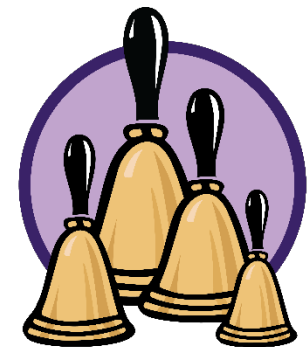
<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/2S3VRPXFJTB3/guest-view>.

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!