

*CALL TO WORSHIP

By Nancy C. Townley

Leader: How many times in our lives have we felt

lost, alone, abandoned.

People: Yet there is One who will never leave our

side. We can depend upon God's loving presence to rescue us and to heal our

brokenness.

Leader: Even though we have been battered and

blown by storms and struggles, we still can place our trust in God's abiding presence.

People: It is the grace of God that has brought us

through and will continue to be with us all

our lives.

*HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God UM Hymnal #110

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be?

Christ Jesus, it is he;

Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill;

God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

Text: Martin Luther (ca. 1529) Music: EIN' FESTE BURG

SCRIPTURE

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 (NRSV)

¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Imogene Lucille Schneider Child of John & Megan Schneider



Choral Baptismal Blessing

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Dianna Sheely

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed #881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Carol & Tom Adams (Abigail 18, Anne 13)
John & Joyce Bowman
Whitney & Doug Evans (Eliza 6, Pippa 3)
Avis Geygan
Shanon Rice & Matt O'Pry (Breana 13)
Sally Scherr
Kent & Maureen Smith
Dan & Carol Young

Congregational Response

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We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be gloried through Jesus Christ.

HYMN

Bless Be the Tie That Binds UM Hymnal #557 vs 2

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

Words: John Fawcett (1782) Music: Lowell Mason (1845)

PASTORAL PRAYER

adapted from a writing by Rev Abi

Precious Lord, we thank you for those persons you have poured your spirit into your church reforming us, reshaping us, and remaking us into your image.

One of the ways we reflect your image, Lord, is how we care for one another with love.

We pray for those who are in the hospitals today. We pray for those at home with illnesses, and recovering from treatments and/or surgeries. We pray for those in nursing facilities and those who are home bound.

We pray for their families during these times. We pray for those who are facing death.

We pray for those who have died and for those who are grieving.

We pray for their Doctors, nurses, health care workers and care takers.

Lord may we reflect your image in our love, for all your children.

We reflect your image in how we love.
We pray for those around the world
who as Christians face imprisonment and martyrdom.
We pray for those who countries torn by civil war.
We pray for those living in poverty.
We pray for those who live in starvation.
We pray for those who are being used in slave labor, child labor and sex labor.

We pray for those who have been affected by natural disasters.

We pray for those in areas who face outbreak of diseases.

Lord, may we put into action our love, care and prayers for the world.

Lord, we pray for your church that we be a beacon of hope, grace, love in this world. May our open doors reflect your open arms to all. May our arms and hands reach out to those in need, reflecting your love for all. May our forgiveness of one another reflect your forgiveness for all which you offered on the cross.

Hear us as we pray as Jesus taught:

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

Bless Be the Tie That Binds UM Hymnal #557 vs 3

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

> Words: John Fawcett (1782) Music: Lowell Mason (1845)

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

1 Peter 2:5 (NRSV)

...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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

MESSAGE

Priesthood of All Believers
Rev. David W. Brown

HYMN

I Am Thine O Lord UM Hymnal #419

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. (Refrain)

O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! (Refrain)

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee. (Refrain)

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1875) Music: William H. Doane (1875)

BLESSING

adapted from Psalm 46

Be still, and know that the Lord is God!
God is exalted among the nations;
God is exalted in the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.
Go in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

*Stand as you are able

Liturgist at 8:20 – Mark Paluta Liturgist at 9:40 – Jane Florer

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of Frank and Doreene Cleveland by their family.

Armstrong Bell Choir at 9:40 – directed by Chester Imhausen

Prelude: Festival Piece on "Nicaea" -arr. B. Harlan

Stacy Haney, organ Dan Young, trumpet

Offertory: Ashokan Farewell -arr. D. Wagner



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







Church-wide fun for all ages!

TODAY

11:30am-1:30pm

Enjoy lunch, games, a bouncy house, and pumpkin carving.



Armstrong Handbells invite you to "A Family Ring" TODAY between the 9:40am 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. The experience starts with "how to ring" and ends with "ring a song," and will be finished in 30 minutes.



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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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:

amazon.com/registries/custom/2S3VRPXFGJTB3/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.

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

Our annual Thanksgiving meal with the families of State Avenue UMC in Lower Price Hill is Sunday, November 20. We will serve a meal to approximately 100 people in the community.

VOLUNTEER & DONATE FOOD

 THANK YOU! to all those who are signed up to serve and/or donate food or needed items.

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Dinner

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• Check out the sign-up link to see what's left!

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.**



The Cincinnati Choral Society will perform John Rutter's "Requiem" with chamber orchestra in our Sanctuary on Sunday, November 13 at 3:00pm. Rutter's "Requiem" is a 35-minute musical setting of texts from the Missa pro Defunctis, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Psalms. The concert is free.



Veterans Celebration with River's Edge Brass Band

Sunday, November 13 during 9:40 worship in the Sanctuary

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, November 11 from 7-9pm in the Atrium

On Christmas Eve, a young boy embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole on the Polar Express while learning about friendship, bravery, and the spirit of Christmas.

Journey beyond your imagination! This Big Invite is an opportunity for families to come together, invite friends, and enjoy each other's company.

