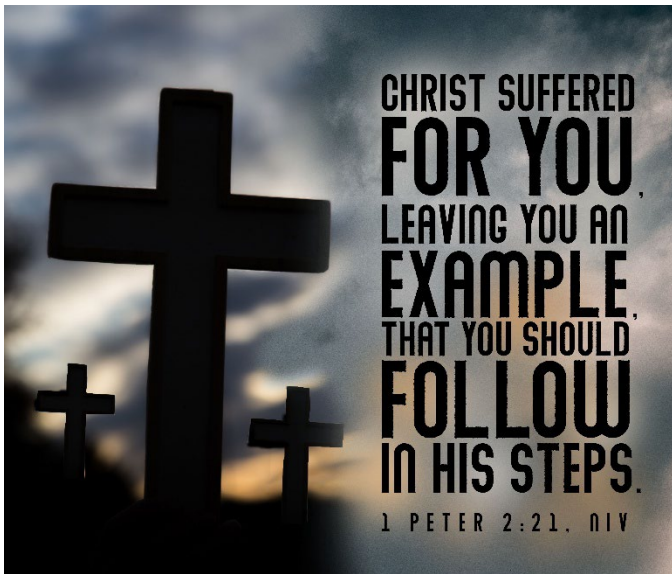


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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

by Brian Miller

We believe in God the Father, who created the world, was faithful when we were not, and who continuously seeks to redeem the world.

We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ, who humbled himself by becoming human and moving into our neighborhood; was sent by the Father to give us life; embodied and taught the righteous love of God; and who, though he knew no sin, became sin and was put to death on a cross.

We believe that three days later, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the power of God; was seen in bodily form by his disciples.

We believe that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus gives us victory over any form of sin and brokenness and allows us to know the full love of God for the world.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who actively works in our lives, giving us grace to be like Jesus, and sends us to show God's love for the world.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42-47 (NRSVUE)

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous[c] hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

TIME SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20am

TIME WITH CHILDREN—9:40am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock Micah 6:6-8

LEADER: Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

PEOPLE: **To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**

LEADER: When we share the good news with all creation, what does it look like?

PEOPLE: **To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**

LEADER: Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

PEOPLE: **With our voices and our lives we praise the God of justice, kindness and humility!**

*HYMN

Morning Has Broken

#145 UMH

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1931)

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HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

#381 UMH, vs 2 ending

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
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Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Text: Attr. To Dorothy A. Thrupp (1836)
& Music: William B. Bradbury (1859)

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Adapted from Dana Cassell Micah 6: 6-8

Our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer—
How do we thank you?
How do we show our gratitude?
Do you want signs and sacrifices?
Do you want gold and cattle?
Can we turn over our children to you?
Would that repay our debt, make everything right?
Tell us, what do you require in return for all your goodness?

Oh God, our teacher, example, companion—
You have shown us what is good,
and call us to remember
that what you require is not
repayment of debt or settling the score,
but obedience.

Show us, God,
when to do justice,
how to love kindness,
and where to walk, humbly with you.

Silent Prayers may be offered

Rejoicing in God's righteousness,
as the Savior taught us, so we pray:

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Offer the peace of Christ by saying:
The peace of Christ be with you.
Respond: And also with you!

GIVING

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE

#95, UMH

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 2:19-25 (ESV)

¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Unjust Suffering – The Example of Christ

Rev. David W. Brown

THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

*HYMN

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

#312 UMH

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!

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There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!

See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!

See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

Author: Charles Wesley (1739)
& Music: Robert Williams (1817)
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From the "Revised Church Hymnary" 1927

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton
Liturgist at 9:40 – Beth Eberle
Greeters at 9:40 – Dottie Wakefield and Victoria and Mark Rhodus

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in celebration of the Chancel Choir, given by Shelley Bamberger's grandson, Tom Lake.



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

BENEDICTION

from *Literature & Liturgy*

May the holy wisdom of God
guard your ways and guide your paths.
May the living truth of God
enlighten your hearts and open your minds.
May the living Spirit of God
give you life, and life to the full!

In God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer we pray.
Amen!

POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



ONLINE
GIVING



A Better Approach to Memory Care

TODAY during Coffee Fellowship in the Atrium

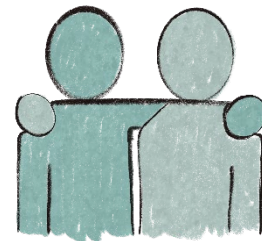
with Teresa Youngstrom, registered nurse, dementia specialist and podcaster

Sponsored by Stephen Ministry

Do you know the difference between a “broken brain” or a simple “strained brain?” How do you know if it’s normal forgetfulness, or something more serious? Where can we find help for ourselves or loved ones with brain changes? Gather to ask questions, hear stories, learn about dementia and enjoy Teresa’s wonderful energy.

Teresa’s mission is to provide great information and support to anyone caring for a person living with memory loss or any brain changes. On her website, teresayoungstrom.com, you’ll find some podcasts that might be of interest to you and your situation:

- “Dementia Do’s and Don’ts” —S1 ep41
- “Symptoms of Dementia, or NOT!”—S1 ep38
- Episodes about behaviors—S1 ep16, ep17 and ep18
- Interviews and discussions with many professionals and various senior services and care organizations



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**We cannot have VBS
without volunteers!**



VBS is July 13-16 with decorating and prep during the weeks before. Visit <https://bit.ly/4sY5WKU> to let us know how you want to help.

If you have questions, connect with Jennifer Hock at hockkj@yahoo.com.

Armstrong Day at the Reds

Sunday, May 31 at 1:40

Take me out to the
ballgame...
and watch the Reds
defeat the Atlanta Braves



Tickets are \$35/ea
<https://bit.ly/4d1kUuV>

You may also donate towards discounted tickets for
Madisonville Braves players and their family
members.



Armstrong Chapel wants to celebrate the hard work and amazing accomplishments of the graduating Class of 2026.

We will recognize graduates during Worship services on May 17. If you're graduating from high school, college, or beyond, fill out the form and let us know (even if you are unable to attend)!

<https://bit.ly/4cs0EAN>

DEADLINE = MONDAY, MAY 11!

Armstrong PRESCHOOL A Ministry of Armstrong Chapel

Armstrong Preschool still has spots available
for the 2026-2027 school year!

If you or someone you know is looking for a
preschool, please email Amy at
avoss@armstrongchapel.org.

Get ready to tee off!
7th Annual
**GOLF
SCRAMBLE**
SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY
JULY 10 | SHOTGUN START
9:00 AM
HAMILTON ELKS
GOLF CLUB
Lunch Provided
Armstrong **MEN**
Male, female, and coed foursomes welcome!

Brian Parks—new Facilities Manager



We are excited to welcome our next Facilities Manager, Brian Parks. He is a resident of Liberty Township and a long time Cincinnati resident. He is a graduate of Walnut Hills High School. He holds a Communications of Arts degree from the University of Cincinnati. He was baptized at Hyde Park Bethlehem United Methodist Church and has been a member for over 60 years. Brian shares that "God is central to my life and my work."

His office is located in the Jefferson Center office building and his email is bparks@armstrongchapel.org. Please help us make him feel welcome!



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