

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—May 3, 2026



Though with a scornful wonder
we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious,
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Text: Samuel J. Stone (1866)
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1864)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Simon Kershaw, 2002–2021

LEADER: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

PEOPLE: **Let us celebrate the feast!**

LEADER: Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness.

PEOPLE: **But with the bread of sincerity and truth.**

LEADER: In dying, Christ died to sin once for all:
in rising, Christ lives to God.

PEOPLE: **Christ has been raised, let us sing praise to God.**

*HYMN

The Church's One Foundation
#545 UMH

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

#881 UMH

**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.**

*universal

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—May 3, 2026

SCRIPTURE

Acts 7:55-60 (CEV)

When the council members heard Stephen's speech, they were angry and furious. But Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit. He looked toward heaven, where he saw our glorious God and Jesus standing at his right side. Then Stephen said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right side of God!" The council members shouted and covered their ears. At once they all attacked Stephen and dragged him out of the city. Then they started throwing stones at him. The men who had brought charges against him put their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. As Stephen was being stoned to death, he called out, "Lord Jesus, please welcome me!" He knelt down and shouted, "Lord, don't blame them for what they have done." Then he died.

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

HYMN

My Jesus, I Love Thee

UMH #172 vs 1

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Words: William R. Featherstone (1864)

Music: Adoniram J. Gordon (1876)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Inspired by John 14

**Christ, our way,
lead us.
Christ, our truth,
illumine us.
Christ, our life,
bring us to life.
Make us your people.**

Silent Prayers may be offered

Merciful God, we acknowledge our sins before You today. We confess the times we have turned away from Your will, choosing selfishness over love. Lord, please forgive us. Wash us with the blood of Christ and make us clean again. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and renew our spirit within me. We trust in Your mercy and grace, knowing that through Jesus all are forgiven. May Your forgiveness free us from

shame and guilt, so that we can live a life that reflects Your goodness.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Adapted from Psalm 103.8,10-12

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. The Lord has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is the lovingkindness of the Lord toward those who fear God.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

So now as a people redeemed by God,
let us boldly pray what Christ taught us to pray 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.

*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!

HYMN

My Jesus, I Love Thee

UMH #172 vs 3

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Words: William R. Featherstone (1864)

Music: Adoniram J. Gordon (1876)

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.

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—May 3, 2026

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 31:1-5 (NIV)

- ¹ In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
- ² Turn your ear to me,
come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.
- ³ Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.
- ⁴ Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,
for you are my refuge.
- ⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

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

MESSAGE

Words from the Cross
Rev. David W. Brown

THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Communion is the Table of the Lord. You need not be a member of the United Methodist Church or Armstrong Chapel. Simply desire to receive the grace of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Adapted from Unfolding Light

Loving God, at your table Christ prepares a place for us. We come to your table, grateful for our belonging. In your house there are many rooms. We come as one. You set free your people and invite us all to your table of justice and mercy, your feast of grace. You covenant to be with us in love always, and so we gratefully sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are all who come in your name, and blessed is Jesus, your Christ. Christ, you are the way, the truth, the life. You draw us to yourself, so that where you are, we may be.

On a night with those He loved, Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it; This is my body given for you.

Jesus took the cup, Blessed it and gave it to them saying; This is my blood of a new covenant given for you.

Therefore, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a living and holy sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup. Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ, doing the works of Christ, with our hearts unafraid, for the Redemption has risen among us. Amen.

SHARING THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

The elements are gluten free for all to share. Receive a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. There are also gifts of communion in a sealed bag by the grand piano. Extend the Table of the Lord for all to dine.

*HYMN

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
UMH #559

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
With thy faithful loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

Text: 7th cent. Latin; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866
Music: Henry Purcell; adapt. by Ernest Hawkins

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—May 3, 2026

BENEDICTION

adapted from Steve Garnaas-Holmes

O Christ, our truth, our life, our way,
We give our hearts to you this day.
We give ourselves, yes all of us,
that where you are we too may be.

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



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

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE



ONLINE GIVING



POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Jane Florer

Greeters at 9:40 – Brenda Walker and Leslie and Mark Pennell



We are excited to celebrate Rebekah Travis (tan jacket), administrative assistant in our church office, on becoming a Certified Lay Minister with the United Methodist Church. Rebekah is a member of Church of the Saviour in Montgomery.

Pictured here with her mentoring team which included Pastor David.

Rebekah, your heart for people, your willingness to serve, and your commitment to growing in Christ are evident in all that you do. This calling is not just a title—it's a reflection of your dedication to sharing God's love, guiding others, and stepping faithfully into the work He has prepared for you.

Share in congratulating Rebekah and lifting her up in prayer as she continues to serve with faith and purpose.



A Welcoming Community Alive in Serving Christ

Stay connected with

Armstrong
CHAPEL United Methodist Church

5125 Drake Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45243

513-561-4220

acumc@armstrongchapel.org

Follow us on...



armstrongchapel.org

Rev. David Brown, Lead Pastor

Amy Voss, Director of Preschool

Rev. Elizabeth Brown, Congregational Care Pastor

Shanon Rice, Director of Digital Communications

Rev. Brandon Long, Director of Discipleship

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—May 3, 2026

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!



Join us on Saturday, May 23, for a Day of Prayer in the Old Chapel from 8:00am-8:00pm as we prepare our hearts for Pentecost.

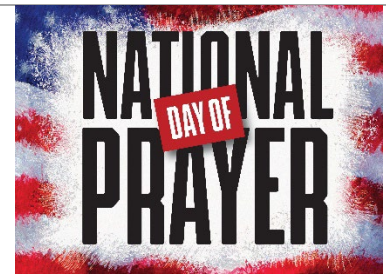
The chapel will be open all day for 30-minute self-guided prayer slots, with prayer stations available for scripture, silence, art, music, and reflection. Individuals, families, and small groups are all encouraged to participate. Inspired by the early church's continuous prayer before Pentecost, this is a simple invitation to spend intentional time with God.

Sign up for a 30-minute time slot: <https://bit.ly/4cqFz10>



Service of Praise & Patriotism
Featuring River's Edge Brass Band
Sunday, May 24 — 9:40am Worship
No Sunday School. There will be childcare for nursery through age 3.

148th Memorial Day Observance
Monday, May 25 — 10:30am
Old Armstrong Chapel (outside)



Thursday, May 7 at 7:30am
"Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples."—1 Chronicles 16:24
NASB

The National Day of Prayer mobilizes unified public prayer for America. The Village of Indian Hill, the City of Madeira, and area churches will host a multi-faith gathering at the Veteran's Memorial at the corner of Drake and Shawnee Run Roads in Indian Hill.

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

Make, female, and coed foursomes welcome! Armstrong **MEM**

Women UNITED *Monthly Luncheon*

MAY 13

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Share in a lunch filled with laughter, fellowship, and joy.

National Exemplar
6880 Wooster Pike

Armstrong **MEM** Craving Breakfast and Fellowship?

Disciples! Bold. Brave. Fearless.

Saturday BREAKFAST
in the Armstrong Room

May 16

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—May 3, 2026