

# Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—May 10, 2026



*Everyone is invited to take a rose.  
Red suggests in honor of your mother.  
White represents the memory of a mother that has passed.  
You may also take a rose in tribute to a woman  
that acted like a mother to you.*

*A special tea assortment has been created by our  
Communications Team for hospitality time.*

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 66 *Center for Faith and Giving*

LEADER: Gather and listen!

I will tell you what God has done.

PEOPLE: **God has listened and heard our prayers!**

LEADER: We rejoice, for God's steadfast love lifts us up.

PEOPLE: **Even through the trial and tribulation, God helps us stand.**

LEADER: So today we praise God who has not let our feet slip.

PEOPLE: **With our voices, our lives,  
and our offerings, we thank God.**

### \*HYMN

*Thy Holy Wings, O Savior*  
#502 UMH

Thy holy wings, O Savior,  
spread gently over me,  
and let me rest securely  
through good and ill in thee.  
O be my strength and portion,  
my rock and hiding place,  
and let my every moment  
be lived within thy grace.

O wash me I the waters  
of Noah's cleansing flood;  
give me a willing spirit,  
a heart both clean and good,  
And take into thy keeping  
thy children great and small,  
and while we sweetly slumber,  
enfold us one and all.

Text: Caroline V. Sandell-Berg, 1865 trans by © 1983 by Gracia Grindal  
Music: Swedish folk tune by LaRhae Knatterud (1983)

### \*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

### SCRIPTURE

Psalm 66:8-20 (NRSVUE)

- <sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.  
<sup>17</sup> I cried aloud to him,  
and he was extolled with my tongue.  
<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.  
<sup>19</sup> But truly God has listened;  
he has heard the words of my prayer.  
<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God,  
who has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.

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

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TIME SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20am

TIME WITH CHILDREN—9:40am

HYMN

*Into My Heart*  
#2160 FWS, vs 1

Into my heart, into my heart,  
come into my heart, Lord Jesus.  
Come in today, come in to stay;  
come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Words & Music: Harry D. Clarke (1876)  
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## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from Plough and Center for Faith and Giving

Lord our God, bless us who have become united in our hope in you and in our expectation of your help, guidance, and assistance on this earth. Bless your Word within us. Grant us your Holy Spirit to restore life and gladness to our hearts, even in grief and suffering. Grant this not only in the distress of the whole world, but also in our own lives as long as we remain on this earth. Let signs be seen on every hand that you help us and give us a strength we can rely on. You help us in all circumstances every day, every year, ever anew.

*Silent Prayers may be offered*

Holy God, you sent Jesus to teach, heal, and love. Now, as Jesus' disciples/followers, we offer prayers, along with our time and our talents, to share the Good News of your love made known for each and for all. Receive now the words Jesus 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

*Into My Heart*  
#2160 FWS, vs 2

Out of my heart, out of my heart,  
come out of my heart, Lord Jesus.  
Shine out today, shine out always;  
shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.

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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 John 14:18-21 (NRSVUE)

18 "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.  
19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.  
20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

*Sometimes I Feel like A Motherless Child*

Rev. David W. Brown

## THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

\*HYMN

*God Made from One Blood*  
#2170 FWS

God made from one blood all the families of earth,  
The circles of nurture that raised us from birth,  
Companions who join us to walk through each stage  
Of childhood and youth and adulthood and age.

We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears  
for all of the families we've known through the years  
the intimate networks on whom we depend  
of parent and partner and room-mate and friend.

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We learn through our families  
how closeness and trust  
increase when our actions are loving and just.  
Yet families have also distorted their roles,  
Mistreating their members and bruising their souls.

Give Lord, to each family in conflict and storm  
a sense of your wisdom and grace that transform  
shape anger to insight which strengthens the heart  
and makes clear the place  
where rebuilding can start.

Then widen that wisdom and grace to include  
the races and viewpoints our families exclude  
till peace in each home bears and nurtures the bud  
of peace shared by all  
you have made from one blood.

Words: Thomas H. Troeger (1864)  
Music: Welsh folk melody  
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*Liturgist at 8:20 – Greg Bailie*

*Liturgist at 9:40 – Barbara Bell*

*Greeters at 9:40 – Charlene Pfingstag Lewis and Wease and  
Joe Rhodenbaugh*

## **BENEDICTION**

adapted from United Church of Christ

Blessed be God, who has not rejected our prayer. As  
you leave this time of worship, may you walk in the  
confidence of the Resurrection, serving God and  
neighbor with joy.

Go now in the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer we  
pray. Amen!

## **POSTLUDE**

*\*Stand in body or in spirit*



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

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ATTENDANCE**



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## Pentecost Day of Prayer

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/4cqFzI0>

## 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.



## 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)



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, TOMORROW!

## 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 [hockki@yahoo.com](mailto:hockki@yahoo.com).

## 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](mailto:avoss@armstrongchapel.org).

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 Craving Breakfast and Fellowship?  
**MEM Saturday BREAKFAST**  
in the Armstrong Room  
**May 16**  
8:00 am - 9:30 am

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**