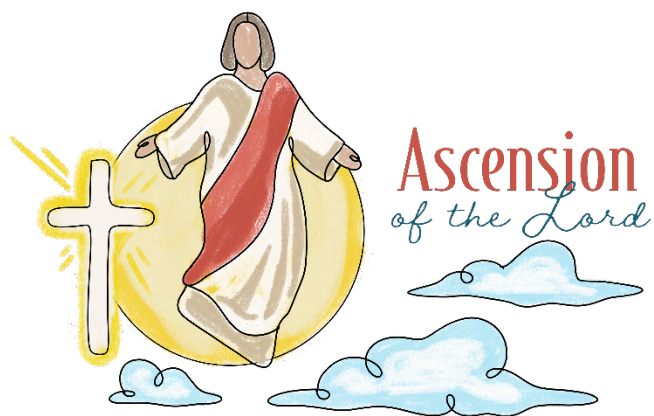


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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

Acts 1:6-12 (NRSVUE)

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

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 Psalm 47

LEADER: Clap your hands, all you peoples!
PEOPLE: **Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**
LEADER: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome.
PEOPLE: **The great King over all the earth.**
LEADER: God has mounted his throne amid shouts of joy.
PEOPLE: **Let us worship the risen and ascended King!**

*HYMN

Thine be the Glory
#308 UMH

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. (Refrain)

Text: Edmond L. Budry (1904) Translator: R. Birch Hoyle (1923)
Music: G. F. Handel (1747)

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HYMN

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is
#2119 FWS

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace;
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.
There is comfort in life's darkest hour;
There is light and life, there is help and power in the
Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.

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RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES



CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from Reform Church

God, greater than all our ideas of you, we praise you.
Jesus, crucified, risen, and ascended, we praise you.
Spirit of God, you give us hope of God's kingdom here
on earth. As we wait for your power, we worship you.

Silent Prayers may be offered

We give thanks for Christ's ascension; that though we
haven't the words to describe it, our humanity is part
of God's endless life. Help us to see all people in the
light of that ascension; especially those with whom
we disagree.

Silent Prayers may be offered

We give thanks for the hope God gives us, that no
power, not even death, can conquer love. 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!

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 5:6-11 (NRSVUE)

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty
hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.
⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for
you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring
lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking
for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your
faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in
all the world are undergoing the same kinds of
suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little
while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his
eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support,
strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power
forever and ever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Lessons of Contentment
Rev. David W. Brown

THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

*HYMN

And Can It Be that I Should Gain
#363 UMH, 1, 3, 5

1. And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? who caused his pain!
For me? who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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3. He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!
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for O my God, it found out me!

5. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Words: Charles Wesley (1739)
Music: Thomas Campbell (1835)

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton
Liturgist at 9:40 – Victoria Rhodus
Greeters at 9:40 – Sally Scheer and Shannon and Galen Mills

Armstrong Bell Choir at 9:40 – directed by Chester Imhausen
Prelude *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* -arr Tucker
Offertory *The King of Glory Comes*
Emerson Wynn, Clarinetist
Ben Basone, Electric Bass



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

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



ONLINE
GIVING



BENEDICTION

adapted from United Reform Church Dr. Sarah Hall

May God lift our hearts to heaven;
may God's kingdom come, God's will be done,
right here on earth.
Go now in the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer we
pray. Amen!

POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*



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/4cqFz10>



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Abigail Adams, daughter of Carol and Tom Adams, has earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa. Abigail will continue her education at the University of Iowa College of Law.



Eli Camp, son of Jason and Erica Camp, graduates from Indian Hill High School. Eli is headed to the University of Virginia to study commerce.



Luke Egnacyk, son of Greg and Heather Egnacyk, graduates from Indian Hill High School. Luke is headed to Purdue University to study aeronautical engineering.



Liv Gibson, daughter of Sean and Julia Gibson, graduates from Loveland High School. Liv is headed to Ohio University to study elementary education with a minor in coaching.



Meredith Jackson, daughter of Dick and Kim Jackson, has earned Master's of Education in Instructional Design and Educational Technology from the American College of Education. Meredith teaches 2nd grade at Meadowview Elementary School in Milford.



Elizabeth Kessel, daughter of Darren and Karen Kessel graduates from Milford High School. Elizabeth is headed to Ohio University to study pre-med.



Trey Johnson, son of Erika and Steve Johnson, graduates from St. Xavier High School. Trey is headed to Miami University to study business.



Benny Mitchell, son of Bill and Niki Mitchell, has earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre from Xavier University. Benny has a job with Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park.



Audrey Neal, daughter of Alicia and Jason Neal, has earned an associate in science from Craven Community College, New Bern, NC. Audrey is headed to Kent State University to study Visual Communications Design.



Wyatt Neal, son of Alicia and Jason Neal, graduates from Milford High School and Scarlet Oaks. Wyatt has enlisted in the US Navy to be a construction mechanic.

Information was submitted by students or their families. We wish all graduating this spring congratulations, too!

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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)

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.

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

Male, female, and coed foursomes welcome!

Armstrong **MEN**

