

# Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—June 7, 2026, 9:40am



Arm me with watchful care  
as in Thy sight to live,  
and now Thy servant, Lord, prepare  
a strict account to give!

Help me to watch and pray,  
and on thyself rely,  
assured, if I my trust betray,  
I shall forever die.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1762  
Music: Lowell Mason, 1832

## \*TESTAMENT OF FAITH

Bunhill Fields cemetery  
the grave bore the inscription:

Here lies the body of  
Mrs. Susanna Wesley  
the youngest and last surviving daughter of  
Dr. Samuel Annesley

**In sure and steadfast hope to rise  
And claim her mansion in the skies,  
A Christian here her flesh laid down,  
The cross exchanging for a crown.**

**True daughter of affliction, she,  
Inured to pain and misery,  
Mourned a long night of griefs and fears,  
A legal night of seventy years.**

**The Father then revealed His Son,  
Him in the broken bread made known;  
She knew and felt her sins forgiven,  
And found the earnest of her heaven.**

**Meet for the fellowship above,  
She heard the call, "Arise, my love!"  
"I come," her dying looks replied,  
And lamblike, as her Lord, she died.**

-attributed to Charles Wesley

## PRELUDE

Stacy Haney

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is a special acknowledgement and celebration of  
the graduation of our Minister Emeritus the  
Rev. Stephen H. Hoard  
from Lancaster Theological Seminary for the degree,  
Doctor of Ministry  
His dissertation is entitled:  
**"Susanna Wesley's Educational Approach:  
'Conquer' or 'Break' A Child's Will?"**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Stephen H. Hoard

adapted from Andrew Donaldson

LEADER: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to  
worship you.

PEOPLE: **We gather, alive to the Word of God.**

LEADER: You call us to listen and respond with heart,  
soul, strength, and mind.

PEOPLE: **We listen, alive to the Word of God.**

LEADER: You call us to be always watchful for your  
Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and  
unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but  
always dwelling among us.

PEOPLE: **We watch and wait for the Word of God.**

## \*HYMN

*A Charge to Keep I Have*  
#413 UMH

A charge to keep I have,  
a God to glorify,  
a never-dying soul to save,  
and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age,  
my calling to fulfill,  
O may it all my pow'rs engage  
to do my Master's will!

## SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 1:8-9 (NIV)  
(parental instruction)

- <sup>8</sup> Listen, my son, to your father's instruction  
and do not forsake your mother's teaching.  
<sup>9</sup> They are a garland to grace your head  
and a chain to adorn your neck.

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)  
(training children)

Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old  
they will not turn from it.

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

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TIME WITH CHILDREN—Friar Frog

## PERSONAL MOMENTS

**HYMN** *Come Holy Spirit, Our Hearts Inspire*  
#603 UMH, vs 1  
Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire;  
Let us thine influence prove;  
Source of the old prophetic fire,  
Fountain of life and love.  
Text: Charles Wesley (1740)  
Music: *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861)

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Adapted from Susan Macias

Dear Lord, please give children a healthy fear of You.  
Please help them Oh God,  
Our teacher, example, companion—

Lord, I ask You to open our ears to hear calls of  
wisdom and understanding. That we would hear,  
understand, and pursue Your wisdom and find the life  
and favor that You give.

Please fill all your beloved children with ALL spiritual  
wisdom and understanding and enable them to live to  
Your praise and glory. Lord, I ask You to cause Your  
wisdom to bear fruit in their life so that their  
knowledge of You would grow and grow.

Lord, please open their mind to receive Your words  
and incline their heart to You. Please motivate them  
to ask You for understanding, and to seek You as the  
most valuable thing. Help them gain wisdom and  
understanding from You so that they can live a  
fruitful, kingdom-building, Jesus-honoring life.

*Silent Prayers may be offered*

Rejoicing in God's wisdom,  
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!*

**HYMN** *Come Holy Spirit, Our Hearts Inspire*  
#603 UMH, vs 4  
God, through the Spirit, we shall know,  
if thou within us shine;  
and sound, with all thy saints below,  
the depths of love divine.  
Text: Charles Wesley (1740)  
Music: *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861)

## GIVING

Braden Perry

## 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

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NIV)  
(teaching faith)

These commandments that I give you today are to be  
on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk  
about them when you sit at home and when you walk  
along the road, when you lie down and when you get  
up.

Psalms 86:5 (NIV)  
(God's mercy)

You, Lord, are forgiving and good,  
abounding in love to all who call to you.

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

## MESSAGE

*Legacy of a Mother*  
Rev. David W. Brown

## CEREMONY OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

History of the Academic Gown & Hood  
Dr. Jerry Miller

## PRESENTATION OF GOWN AND HOOD

Isabelle Grace Hoard, Violet Noelle McGuire,  
Ephthimia Suzanna Karatsaridis, Jacob Stephen Engel

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## PLACEMENT OF GOWN AND HOOD

Representing two great professional mentors in Steve's life:

Representing the Reverend Doctor Emerson Colaw,  
his daughter Marcie Colaw Vilardo

Representing the Reverend Richard Donnenwirth,  
AAPC Diplomat,  
his wife Rosalie Laurenti

**WORDS OF ROBING AND HOODING** Dr. Jerry Miller

## PRESENTATION

**\*HYMN** *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*  
#312 UMH vs 1 & 4

1. 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!

4. 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

## BENEDICTION

from *Susanna Wesley 10*

Blessed be God for peace!  
May this peace rest with you.  
Joy will follow, perhaps not very closely, but it will  
follow faith and love. God's promises are sealed to us,  
but not dated, therefore patiently attend God's  
pleasure. God will give you joy in believing.

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

## POSTLUDE

*\*Stand in body or in spirit*

*Greeters at 9:40 – Barry Dixon and Jim Pearce*



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

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ATTENDANCE**



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**Rev. Brandon Long**, Director of Discipleship

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## VBS Prep!

We have nearly 200 wonderful kids signed up and want to ensure they have a wonderful experience here at Armstrong Chapel. Part of that is creating a fun, inviting space – a trip to the rainforest! That’s where you come in! Take a look at the slots available to come in and help create and setup for this fantastic week. There is a space for everyone – from collating needed materials to painting and crafting set design! You do not need to stay the entire time slot – come when you are available. Meet in the Children’s Center. <https://bit.ly/4wR6wgj>



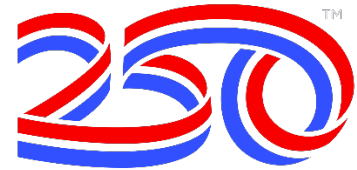
## Armstrong PRESCHOOL

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).

## AMERICA



**4th of July**

## Outdoor Concert

River’s Edge Brass Band  
Saturday, July 4 @ 2pm  
on the lawn off the main parking lot

7th Annual

# Golf SCRAMBLE

**REGISTRATION OPEN**

REGISTER ONLINE  or Scan the QR code

**FRIDAY JULY 10 | SHOTGUN START 9:00 AM**

HAMILTON ELKS GOLF CLUB

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# JUNE 20

JOIN FOR A morning filled with good food, fellowship, and genuine camaraderie.

in the Armstrong Room  
**8:00 - 9:30 am**

Women UNITED Monthly Luncheon

# JUNE 10

**12:30 pm - 1:30 pm**

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

National Exemplar  
6880 Wooster Pike 