

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—June 21, 2026



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from *Psalms 86*

LEADER: Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

PEOPLE: **You are my God; save Your servant who trusts.**

LEADER: Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I call to You
all day long.

PEOPLE: **Bring joy to Your servant, for to You, O
Lord, I lift up my soul.**

*HYMN

Grace Alone
#2162 FWS

Every promise we can make,
Every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we will make
Is only by his grace.

Every mountain we will climb,
Every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind,
Is only by his grace.

Refrain:
Grace alone
Which God supplies,
Strength unknown
He will provide.
Christ in us
Our cornerstone;
We will go forth
in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach,
every heart we hope to teach,
everywhere we share his peace
is only by his grace.

Every loving word we say,
every tear we wipe away,
every sorrow turned to praise,
is only by his grace. (Refrain)

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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

Romans 8:22-23 (NRSVUE)

²² We know that the whole creation has been
groaning together as it suffers together the pains of
labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves,
who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly
while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our
bodies.

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

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HYMN

El Shaddai
#123 UMH

El Shaddai, El Shaddai, El Elyonna Adonai;
Age to age you're still the same
by the power of your name
El Shaddai, El Shaddai, Er-kahm-Ka na Adonai;
We will praise and lift you high,
El Shaddai.

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Translation of Hebrew:
El Shaddai: God Almighty
El Elyonna: The Most High God
Adonai: O Lord
Erkahnka: We will love you

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from *Call to Worship Journal*

God our rock and salvation,
you have called us to follow you;
give us the courage to do so.
You have called us to love you above all;
give us confidence to do so.
When the waters of life rage around us,
hear our prayers, steady our feet,
and anchor us in your Word,
that we might proclaim your presence
in the midst of turmoil.

We give you thanks for the grace that is at work in us
through the gift of our baptism—the communion of
your faithful people, the promise of your glorious
presence. By the power of your Holy Spirit, let your
grace and peace grow in us, through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

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!

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GIVING

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*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

Ecclesiastes 1:3 (NRSVUE)

³ What do people gain from all the toil
at which they toil under the sun?

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NRSVUE)

¹³ The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God,
and keep his commandments, for that is the whole
duty of everyone.

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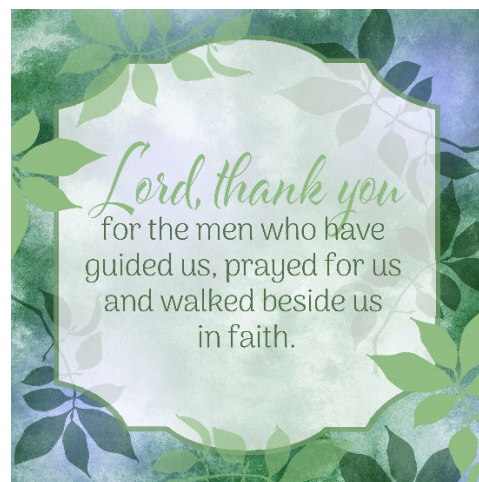
MESSAGE

What If Christianity is True?

Rev. David W. Brown

“Life is too precious to waste on things that do not matter. We must seek meaningful connections and experiences rather than following the allure of vanity.” — Charles Stanley

“The pursuit of pleasure can easily become a distraction. We must seek God’s kingdom and his righteousness, for they furnish us with lasting fulfillment and peace.” — Rick Warren



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*HYMN

Trust and Obey
#467 UMH

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain]

But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows,
for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]

Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain].

Author: John H. Sammis (1887)
Music: *Daniel B. Towner* (1887)

BENEDICTION

adapted from Ministry Matters

Guided by God, we go into the world.
Led by Christ, we go with love and grace.
Strengthened by the Spirit, we go to serve.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
we pray. Amen.

POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Victoria Rhodus

*Special Music at 9:40 – Kim Brotherton – “God Help the
Outcasts”*

Greeters at 9:40 – Audrey Miller and Shannon and Galen Mills



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

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ATTENDANCE**



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Pens, Pencils, Highlighters
Crayons, Markers
Binders, Paper, Dividers
Spiral notebooks
Flashcards, Post-it Notes
Index Cards
School Year Planners and Calendars
Whiteout and Erasers
Thumb Drives (new/unopened)

Benefitting Found House IHN
Supplies Due by July 19

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/4wR6wgi>



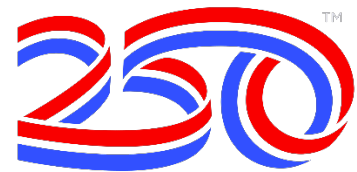
Armstrong PRESCHOOL

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.

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

HOLE AND EVENT SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Benefitting Inter Parish Ministry, Freestore Foodbank, and the Madisonville Braves



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