

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—August 9, 2026



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from *Unfolding Light.net*

LEADER: Eternal God, we cry to you, lost and alone.

PEOPLE: **Faithful yet unseen, you are present.**

LEADER: Wind and waves beat against us.

PEOPLE: **Jesus calm and steady, you are there.**

LEADER: **Fear and doubts rise up in us.**

PEOPLE: **Spirit of peace, you are here with us
and within us.**

LEADER: **In awe and gratitude, we seek faith
to follow you.**

PEOPLE: **Take us by the hand when we doubt.
We worship you.**

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
#140

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

Author: Thomas O. Chisholm (1923)

Music: William M. Runyan (1923)

*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 105: 42-45 (NIV)

⁴²For God remembered the holy promise
given to God's servant Abraham.

⁴³God brought out the people with rejoicing,
God's chosen ones with shouts of joy;

⁴⁴God gave them the lands of the nations,
and they fell heir to what others had toiled for—

⁴⁵that they might keep God's precepts
and observe God's laws.

Praise the Lord.

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

My Hope is Built

#368 refrain Only

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

Words: Edward Mote (1834)

Music: William B. Bradbury (1863)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Call to Unfolding Light.net

Loving God, in danger you are our salvation. In loneliness you are our companion. In fear or uncertainty, you are our courage. We thank you. We love you. We trust you. We reach for you. Hold us, and lead us to life. Hear the silent prayers of our hearts...

Silent Prayers may be offered...

Faithful One, as Jesus walked across the stormy sea to the disciples, so you come to us in our troubles. Come to us now, walk across all our fears and doubts, bear to us your presence, and give us your peace.

So now as a people rescued by the hand of Christ, 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!

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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

Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSVUE)

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Stories of Wind and Waves

Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

#129

Give to the winds thy fears;
hope and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears,
God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms,
God gently clears thy way;
wait thou God's time; so shall this night
soon end in joyous day.

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Leave to God's sovereign sway
to choose and to command;
so shalt thou, wondering, own that way,
how wise, how strong this hand.

Liturgist at 8:20 – Mark Paluta
Liturgist at 9:40 – Jane Florer

Let us in life, in death,
thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our latest breath
thy love and guardian care.

Author: Paul Gerhardt (1653)
Translator: John Wesley (1739)
Composer: William H. Walter (1894)



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

BENEDICTION

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By your Word you calm our stormy hearts and call us
to greater risks in faith. You grant us your presence
and strengthen us to serve you. Give us the faith
always to hold on to you as we serve you in all
circumstances. Send us now into the world to spread
your grace.

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

POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



ONLINE
GIVING



**We'll kick-off our new
Sunday School
year on September 13!**
Preschool, Elementary, and Teens

It's BIBLE SUNDAY too!

On Sunday, September 13, we will present
age-appropriate Bibles to our **3 year olds and
3rd graders** during the 9:40am & 10:30am
worship service. Families have received an
email to RSVP or visit: bit.ly/4vsnwHK

Madisonville Braves Celebration Party Volunteers Needed

The Armstrong
Men are hosting
their annual party
to celebrate the
end of a
successful season
for the boys and
girls of the
Madisonville
Braves (baseball
and softball teams
for kids 4-14).



**Would you like to help set up, cook,
serve, or clean up at the picnic?**

We'll be celebrating at the Lunken Playfield
Picnic Shelter on **Sunday, August 23 from 1-
5pm. VOLUNTEERING BEGINS AT 11AM.**
Sign up here: bit.ly/4vM16kl



Starting in September, five families will rotate
around making sure to have yummy treats
available on Sundays. If you are interested in
being placed on a list of volunteers to
contribute food, let me know and I'll add your
name to our wonderful list of volunteers! You
may hear from one of the following for food
item contributions beginning in September:

- 1st Sundays – Lynne Miller
- 2nd Sundays – Jane Florer
- 3rd Sundays – Bill and Niki Mitchell
- 4th Sundays – Denise Scholtz
- 5th Sundays – Barbara Bell

I certainly appreciate everyone from small
groups to individuals who have helped keep
this ministry going! Any questions contact me
at dscholtz84@yahoo.com!

Thanks,
Denise Scholtz

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NEW WOMEN'S STUDY STARTING IN AUGUST

Mondays at 6:00pm in the Armstrong Room.

New 14-week study begins August 31.

Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus: How the Jewish Words of Jesus Can Change Your Life by Lois Tverberg, PhD. This in-depth study considers how understanding Jesus' teachings in their original Jewish context unlocks vital wisdom for today. By exploring ancient Middle Eastern culture, Tverberg reveals how knowing first-century idioms helps us better grasp Jesus' words, how historical context illuminates His parables in surprising ways, and how the Jewish world teaches us to pray with holy boldness (*chutzpah*). We will examine key Hebrew words to make Bible reading richer, learning how to listen with the ears of a first-century disciple to bring practical, fresh insight to our daily walk to deepen our spiritual lives. We complete each lesson in advance, so we are prepared for class. For more details and to register, please contact Victoria Rhodus, and visit the Women United Bible Study page for the link to order your book.

Watch for more women's and men's studies to start back with new studies after Labor Day!



Do you have questions? Doubts? Concerns? Excitement and confidence about your faith?

The truth is: everyone has questions, but not every place feels safe enough to ask them.

That's what Alpha is all about! Alpha is a place where you can bring your authentic self to the table. It's an opportunity to make meaningful connections, hear thought-provoking ideas, and share your honest thoughts and opinions in a welcoming, judgment-free environment.

We are excited to launch our first Alpha course this fall. Beginning Wednesday, September 9, the course will run for 12 weeks and will include a special Saturday retreat.

Register at bit.ly/4x46ocm.



**Wednesdays at 7:00pm
in the Armstrong Room
Class begins September 16
(through the beginning of May)
Led by Kent Smith**

Disciple 3: Remember Who You Are is the third study in the four-phase Disciple program. This 32-week study focuses on the Old Testament prophets and the letters of Paul, designed to deepen participants' understanding of their identity as God's people. Participants will each need to order a study manual and have a study Bible.

If you have questions about the Disciple program, please reach out to Kent at 513-476-7227. Register at bit.ly/4bLPJC9.



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