

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—August 30, 2026



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from *Christine Longhurst*

LEADER: You call us to turn away from our own selfish interests.

PEOPLE: **Help us to take up our cross,
and to follow after You.**

LEADER: Equip us to find our lives by giving them up to Your greater purpose.

PEOPLE: **Help us to take up our cross,
and to follow after You.**

* HYMN

Since Jesus Came into My Heart
#2140 Faith We Sing

What a wonderful change in my life
has been wrought

since Jesus came into my heart!

I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,
since Jesus came into my heart!

Refrain:

*Since Jesus came into my heart,
since Jesus came into my heart,*

*floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
since Jesus came into my heart.*

I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure,
since Jesus came into my heart!
And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure,
since Jesus came into my heart! [Refrain]

I shall go there to dwell in that City, I know
since Jesus came into my heart!
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,
since Jesus came into my heart! [Refrain]

Text: R. H. McDaniel
Music: Charles H. Gabriel

*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: 1-4 (NRSVUE)

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- ² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
- ³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- ⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

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

They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love

#2223 FWS refrain Only

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Text & Music: Peter Scholtes

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from Ruth Card Duck

We thank you, God, for inviting us to live in covenant with you and one another, and for remaining faithful to your promise. Yet like all people of every age, we find it difficult to be faithful to you. We are not always attentive to your call. We grieve you by our rebellion against your word and our slowness to be your partner. We are not worthy, God, but we pray that you do not give up on us...

Silent Prayers may be offered...

May we share the delights of your presence and welcome all who stand in need of your grace.
Hear us as we pray what Christ taught 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

Exodus 3:1-6 (NIV)

¹Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

⁴When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

⁵"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Holy Encounters

Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

Holy Ground

#2272 Faith We Sing

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise, Jesus now;
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

Words & Music: Geron Davis

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BENEDICTION

adapted from *Unfolding Light.net*

Reveal your Holy Presence.
Equip us to accept your call.
Send us into your world to do your will.

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

POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Scott Darrah

Liturgist at 9:40 – Garth Wiley

Greeters at 9:40 – Jim Pearce, Martha and Gary Steier



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

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



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**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



Armstrong Garden Ministry for IPM

For the second year, Maureen Smith has planted a vegetable garden in the Preschool fenced area behind the church. If any home garden growers have any surplus during any week, feel free to bring to church Sunday and place in the IPM box in between the Atrium doors. Rachel Ney delivers all fresh produce every Monday to IPM (along with all other donations).



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

Let's talk.

You're invited to
explore life, faith,
and meaning.



Good
conversation



Inspiring
videos



Your
questions



Dinner



WEDNESDAY

September 9th

6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

DISCIPLE

**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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WOMEN'S STUDIES

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- **Mondays at 9:30am** in the Armstrong Room. Study resumes September 14. *The Acts of the Apostles* by Louie Giglio walks through the story of the early church. Acts may have been written two thousand years ago, but God is calling us to be a part of that story today. In a world that is unsure of where to find truth or purpose, the book of Acts stands apart. It reveals God's plan for global redemption, his purpose for our lives, and the power he has given us to accomplish his mission. *Please join us even if you didn't get to participate in the study of the first 4 chapters – chapter has its own main idea and purpose.* We will learn how to be a bold disciple just like Paul. Led by Serena Tsuang.
- **Mondays at 6:00pm** in the Armstrong Room. 14-week study began August 31, but you can still join the study. *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.
- **Tuesdays at 8:00am** in the Armstrong Room. Bible study of the Gospel of Luke aided by William Barclay's daily Bible study guide. Led by Jan Bell, JanetLBell101@gmail.com. No registration necessary; feel free to come in. If you'd like more information, please call or text Jan at (513) 235-0464.
- **Tuesdays at 9:45am** at the home of Julie Holland. Our first gathering for the fall will be a social and support time on September 8. We will not meet 9/15. We will begin our study (to be determined) on 9/22.

MEN'S STUDIES

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- **Friday Morning Bible Study:** Verse-by-verse study of scripture led by Pastor David Brown. Fridays at 7:00am in the Armstrong Room and via Zoom.
- **Burgers, Brews & the Bible:** We will resume meeting on September 8, meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00pm at 50 West Burger Bar. Studying Romans. Led by Gordon Miller. Arrive at 6:30 if you plan to eat.
- **715BC:** Breakfast Wednesdays at 7:15am at the National Exemplar in Mariemont. Led by Bill Woodward and Garen Wisner.
- **NEW! Lunch and Learn—Spiritual Solutions for Today's Challenges:** Meeting every other week starting Wednesday, September 9 from 12:00-1:00 at the home of Jerry Von Deylen in Madeira. Led by Bryan Holland (text or call 513-378-4452 for more details). The vision of our small group is to enjoy fellowship, grow spiritually, provide prayerful support, and bring greater satisfaction, purpose, health, and happiness to our lives. This vision was inspired by Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." If these ideas speak to you and you're interested in enjoying fellowship and having a FUN lunch while enriching your spiritual journey, please check us out.