

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—September 6, 2026



Romans 13:8, NRSV

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Inspired by Romans 12:2, John 17:14-19

LEADER: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,
and so we blend our worship and our work,
our faith and our life.

PEOPLE: **God has called us together,
God has called us to be community.**

LEADER: May God open our hearts, minds and eyes,
allowing us to see deeper, and live in a
vision that engages the Spirit at work.

PEOPLE: **Jesus said, "As you sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the world."**

LEADER: Recreate us, O God, in the work of your
Holy Spirit.

*HYMN

How Majestic Is Your Name
#2023 FWS

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth.

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how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord,
We praise your name.
O Lord,
We magnify your name:
Prince of peace, mighty God;
O Lord God almighty.
(Repeat)

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SCRIPTURE

Psalms 148 (NRSVUE)

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights!
- ² Praise God, all angels;
praise God, all host!
- ³ Praise God, sun and moon;
praise God, all you shining stars!
- ⁴ Praise God, you highest heavens
and you waters above the heavens!
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for God commanded and they were created.
- ⁶ God established them forever and ever;
God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

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

HYMN

Jesus, Name above All Names
#2071 FWS

Jesus name above all names
Beautiful Savior glorious Lord
Emmanuel God is with us
Blessed Redeemer living Word

Text and Music: Naida Hearn
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR LABOR DAY

Adapted from the Services and Prayers for the Church of England 2000

For the world of work in all its diversity:

hear us, good Lord.

For the industry and workplaces of Armstrong Chapel
and the Cincinnati community:

hear us, good Lord.

For communities that have lost original founding
industries, and for their regeneration:

hear us, good Lord.

For all expanding industries and for the promise of
new jobs:

hear us, good Lord.

For study, training, mentoring of work and knowledge
through all those who instruct:

hear us, good Lord.

For small businesses and co-operatives:

hear us, good Lord.

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For local trade and commerce:

hear us, good Lord.

For all service industries that provide for our daily needs:

hear us, good Lord.

For the unemployed and for those seeking purpose:

hear us, good Lord.

For the retired and those unable to work:

hear us, good Lord.

For all who work as volunteers:

hear us, good Lord.

Enable us to experience the world as you created it to be and as you created us to be. May you hear the prayer Jesus taught us 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

***RESPONSE**

#95

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

Romans 13:8-10 (NRSVUE)

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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MESSAGE

Practicing Unconditional Love

Rev. David W. Brown

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

adapted from Rev Gord

God of grace, you call us to be different from the world, but the world is seductive, and so we come in worship to be strengthened and forgiven.

God of vision, you hold before us an alternate way of life, different priorities, different loyalties, different values. But we know that the world is not only seductive but powerful, and so we are drawn into following false priorities, accepting false values.

God who blesses the meek, the peacemakers, the merciful, forgive us when we lose sight of your qualities, when we misunderstand our role in your world.

...time of silent prayer...

Rejoice and be glad!

God is gracious and God offers blessings.

God calls us to life in the world as God created,

God offers us the chance to explore how to live out God's vision.

We are called, we are forgiven, we are blessed.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HOLY TABLE OF THE LORD

adapted from Reform Church

With joy we praise you, gracious God,
for you have created heaven and earth,
made us in your image,
and kept covenant with us—
even when we fall into sin.

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We give thanks for Jesus Christ, the Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the works of grace.

We rejoice in the works of the Holy Spirit, that are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might,
praise be the name of the Lord
and manifest your Spirit among us.**

Let your perfect love drive out fear; make us perfect in your love. Fill our minds with your peace and turn our eyes to heaven, where Christ is at your right-hand interceding for us.

Enable us to offer up ourselves in service to Christ and to all your creation. Let no trouble or sorrow distract us from this loving service, and unite us with each other through your Spirit so that we may continue in the living hope of our Savior's.

We give thanks to God the Creator, that the Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

In unity with Christians everywhere, let us proclaim the mystery of the Christian faith:

**Your death, O Christ, we proclaim.
Your resurrection we affirm with joy.
Your coming we await with hope.
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus! Amen.**



SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND CUP

The elements are gluten free for all to share. Receive a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. There are also gifts of communion in a sealed bag by the grand piano. Extend the Table of the Lord for all to dine.

HYMN

Christ for the World We Sing
UM Hymnal #568

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost,
from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with joyful song;
the newborn souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1869)
Music: Felice de Giardini (1769)

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BLESSING

based on a writing in African-American Tradition

We bless the Lord,
who gives us strength to work,
grace to achieve,
compassion to serve,
and favor to live in community.
To God be glory
through the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen

**Stand as you are able*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Barbara Bell

Greeters at 9:40 – Pat Smith and Carol and Jim Pearce

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Fred and Lois Owlett and their son, Timothy Michael Owlett, given by their children – the Eve, Owlett and Averwater families.



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

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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.

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.



Experience **Spring Grove Cemetery's** art, history, architecture, and horticulture on a tram tour given by church member, Scott Darrah.

**Sunday, October 4
1:00pm Tour**

We will have a light lunch following worship before traveling to Spring Grove.

Space is limited to 24. If you were able to go on the walking tour last fall, please save space this year for those who couldn't do the walking. RSVP to Joy in the church office: jhelton@armstrongchapel.org or write a note on your Connect Card.

Let's talk.

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



Good conversation



Inspiring videos



Your questions



Dinner



EXPLORE LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS

Do you have questions? Doubts? Concerns? Alpha is a welcoming place to explore life, faith, and meaning through honest conversation—no pressure, no judgment, and no expectation that you have all the answers.



12-WEEK ALPHA COURSE

Each Wednesday evening includes dinner, an engaging video, and small-group conversation.



**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9**

**6:30 PM
Fellowship Hall**



ALPHA DAY RETREAT

Saturday, October 24 • 9:00 AM
More information will be shared during the course.



Come as you are. Bring a friend. Bring your questions.

Discover where the conversation leads.



Register at our website!
Scan the QR code or visit
armstrongchapel.org



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WOMEN'S STUDIES

ArmstrongChapel.org/womenunited

- **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

ArmstrongChapel.org/men

- **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.