

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—September 13, 2026



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from *re:Worship*

LEADER: Let us focus on God's presence.

PEOPLE: **In the midst of a world where people hunger...**

LEADER: Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

PEOPLE: **In the midst of a world divided...**

LEADER: Come worship a God who calls for unity and justice.

PEOPLE: **In the midst of a world filled with wars and violence...**

LEADER: Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

PEOPLE: **In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness...**

LEADER: Come worship a God who gives life meaning.

PEOPLE: **This morning we remember the life changing events of 9/11...**

LEADER: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose grace and love knows no end!

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

103 UMH

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unceasing, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Author: Walter Chalmers Smith (1867)

Music: John Roberts, *Welsh melody from Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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.**

*Traditional use of this creed includes these words: "He descended into hell."

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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:6-9 (NRSVUE)

- ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake their way
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord,
that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Through it All
#5071 UMH

Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God.
Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon God's word.

Text and Music: Andre Crouch (1971)
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR 9/11 MEMORIAL

Adapted from Rick Morley

Lord, as we the world pauses today to look back and to look forward, we pause to pray to you, our only defender and the author of peace. We pray for the sick, the suffering, the fearful, and all who live in the wake of terror. Lord, in your mercy...

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray today for all those who grieve today, for those who witnessed and survived the attacks, those who came to rescue, save, and protect, and for all the souls who were lost, especially those we remember now. Lord, in your mercy...

hear our prayer.

We pray for the men and women who have been called to defend our country and the ways of freedom—those serving at home and abroad. We pray that your healing balm would run down like rain upon us all, and we pray that all who were lost were also found, by You. Lord, in your mercy...

hear our prayer.

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

Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSVUE)

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if

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you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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MESSAGE

Forgiveness
Rev. David W. Brown

HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
UM Hymnal #348

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:
*Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!*

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
coming for you and for me. [Refrain]

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

Words & Music: Will L. Thompson (1880)

BLESSING

Adapted from United Church of Christ

May the accountability of God transform you.
May the mercy and forgiveness of God release you.
May the love of God embolden you.
May the peace of God assure you.
And, may the grace you receive be the grace you
extend, through the Creator, Redeemer, and
Sustainer. Amen

**Stand as you are able*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Shelley Bamberger

Greeters at 9:40 – Charlene Pfingstag Lewis, Sondra and Jim Hunt



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

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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.

— YOU'RE INVITED TO —
**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

• GOOD COFFEE, GREAT COMPANY, AND ENCOURAGEMENT •

SEPTEMBER

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SATURDAY
8:00 - 9:30 AM

IN THE
ARMSTRONG ROOM



COME HUNGRY. LEAVE ENCOURAGED.



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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. New study to begin 9/22. In this 7-session Psalm 23 study by Jennifer Rothschild, gain fresh insight and encouragement from Psalm 23. Explore the depths of God's compassionate care while debunking the self-reliance myth. Learn how your vulnerability is not a liability because you can trust the Shepherd's goodness throughout each season of life.

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. We are studying the Book of Romans.
- **Burgers, Brews & the Bible:** We are 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 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.