

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—September 20, 2026



Seek the LORD
and his strength;
seek his presence
continually.
Psalm 105:4, NRSV

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Romans 12:1

LEADER: I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,
to present yourselves as a living sacrifice,

PEOPLE: **We come before the Lord...**

LEADER: Make your life an offering holy and
acceptable to God.

PEOPLE: **The Lord has made us and we are God's...**

LEADER: Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **With songs and dancing we come to the
Lord...**

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation
#529 UMH

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Text: "K" in Rippon's Selection of Hymns 1787
Music: Early USA Melody; harm. From Tabor, 1866

*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.**

**universal

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:27-30 (NRSVUE)

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 *Surely the Presence of the Lord*
#328 UMH

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adapted from *Call to Worship Journal*

God of every blessing, we remember the works of
your hands: the days you save us, the people who
embrace us, the moments we feel free, and the
dreams you give us. All of it is from you, Faithful One.
Sustain us with your strength, that we may be
surprised by the miraculous gift of life itself.

We pray for the sick. We remember those in trial.
Show us it is not too late to receive your mercy.
Shelter your creatures from trials of life; shower upon
us your healing grace.

Inspire us, by your great generosity, to help those
who are hungry and homeless, or work long hours for
little reward. Restore us to the measure of grace in
the cross of Jesus Christ.

Enable us, O God, by the power of your Spirit, to live
our lives in a way that is worthy of the gospel, to the
glory of the name that is above all names, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

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

Psalm 105:1-6 (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.
- ⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,
- ⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Seeking God's Presence and Strength
Rev. David W. Brown

***HYMN**

I Need Thee Every Hour
#397

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain:

*I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee;*

O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.
(Refrain)

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I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
(Refrain)

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.
(Refrain)

I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.
(Refrain)

Text: Annie S. Hawks (1872)
Music: Robert Lowry (1873)

Liturgist at 8:20 – Carol Ney
Liturgist at 9:40 – Victoria Rhodus
Greeters at 9:40 – Sally Scherr and Galen Mills

Congratulations to Kyra George and Michael MacIntosh
Who were married yesterday at Armstrong Chapel.



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

BLESSING

Adapted from Ephesians 4:1

Lead a life worthy of your calling,
giving glory to God in all things.
In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
we pray. Amen

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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.

Are you strong?



If you want to serve the worship experience in a musical way, our Handbell Director, Chester Imhausen, is looking for a person willing to **lift and ring 5-7lb handbells** in a team of musicians.

If you want to commit for a shorter period of time than 9 months, we will gladly accept new ringers for 8 weeks at a time. Our next dates to perform are: Oct 11, Nov 22 and Dec 13. Please contact Chester at 513-633-6411 or at cimhausen@gmail.com if you are interested or know someone he should contact.

WOMEN'S STUDIES

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- **Mondays at 9:30am** in the Armstrong Room. *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.
- **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. 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

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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. 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.

All STUDIES

- **Disciple III:** Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Armstrong Room and via Zoom. This 32-week study is led by Kent Smith. Scripture Focus: Major and minor Old Testament prophets (excluding Daniel); the thirteen Letters traditionally attributed to Paul and historical context from Deuteronomy through Chronicles. Daily thirty-minute readings and extra resources provided along with 1.5 hour study/discussion experience. It has just started on Sept 16.