

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—September 27, 2026



*CALL TO WORSHIP

in response to Philippians 2

LEADER: As persons who want to learn, we come to worship God and grow in faith.

PEOPLE: Seeking to grow in our faith, we yearn to have the same mind in us that was in Christ Jesus.

LEADER: Jesus, teacher and healer, born in human likeness, was raised up from death and given the name above every name.

PEOPLE: So today we praise God for the gift of Jesus!

LEADER: We give the glory to God, for Jesus Christ is Lord!

PEOPLE: Come Lord Jesus come...

*HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
UMH #155, vs 1-4

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall,
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all.

Words: Edward Perronet (1779)

John Rippon (1787)

Composer: James Ellor (1838)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed #880

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,

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who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*universal

You sent the prophets to remind us of all we had
known and heard,

but we mocked them,
not letting them sway us.

Then you sent Jesus to be the One to work out our
salvation.

So, with those who sing your praise,
and those who complain bitterly,
with those who wandered in the wilderness,
and those who stand in places

where water flows from a rock,
we lift our voices in wonder to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, Transforming God.

All creation flows toward your heart.

Hosanna in the highest!

**Blessed is the One who stands with those who
have nothing.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Jesus Christ, our Lord, put on humility's garb,
so we might be clothed in the garments of grace;
he lowered himself to walk the world with us,
so we might be lifted from the depths of sin;
he suffered the death,
so we might receive the extraordinary gift of life
forever with 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!

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-5 (NIV)

¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from
being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love,
if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness
and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by
being like-minded, having the same love, being one in
spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish
ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value
others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own
interests but each of you to the interests of the
others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the
same mindset as Christ Jesus:

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

Awesome God
#2040 FWS

Our God is an awesome God;
He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power and love.
Our God is an awesome God.

Words & Music: Rich Mullins
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adapted from Thom M. Shuman

God of Wonder.

Rivers divided to create valleys and hills,
the sun became the beacon for each day,
the moon and stars our night lights.

You breathed your children to life,
and longed to hold us in your lap,
telling us stories of your goodness.

But while we told you we would always do your will,
we went running off to join with sin and death
in their quarrels 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

Exodus 17:1-7 (NRSVUE)

¹ The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?"

³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

⁴ Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

⁵ The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Testing

Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

#534

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;

Text: Katharina von Schlegel (1752)

Translator: Jane Borthwick (1855)

Music: Jean Sibelius (1899)

BLESSING

Adapted from Thom M. Shuman

Go forth to share God's love with all.

We will become a river of love through the world.

Go forth to share Christ's grace.

We will be a fountain flowing in the barren places.

Go forth to share the community of the Spirit.

We will become a pool of peace where all may be refreshed.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
we pray. Amen

**Stand as you are able*

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Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Jane Florer

Greeters at 9:40 – Barry Dixon and Victoria and Mark Rhodus



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

Congratulations to Allie Satterfield and John Lehman who were married yesterday at Armstrong Chapel. The parents of the bride, Ann and Dick Satterfield, were married at Armstrong, and the bride's grandparents, Ruth and Al Barrows, were longtime members of Armstrong.

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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.



READING COACHES NEEDED AT MILFORD FIRST UMC

We are excited to welcome more reading coaches from Armstrong Chapel UMC to our WonderKids program! This year, for the first time, we are partnering with ALL 6 Milford elementary schools, after starting with just one 14 years ago. We have really enjoyed working with several members from Armstrong, and would like to invite even more this year. ***The need is greater than ever, and the reward even more rewarding.***

WonderKids is a free, after-school, reading help program, open to all Milford elementary students, K-5th grade. We receive applications directly from the schools based on teacher referrals and student needs. While we definitely focus on reading skills and confidence with our students, WonderKids is more about relationships than anything else. We become another trusted adult in a child's life; we come alongside their families, offering love and support and sometimes additional resources and help that a family needs; and we support our community by partnering with

educators, and showing them by our actions that they are not alone in the important work they do.

We have two (come to one) training sessions THIS WEEK – Tuesday, Sept 29 at 4pm, or on Wednesday, Sept 30 at 3:30. WonderKids will meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the school year until April. We only meet when school is in session, so no holidays, snow days, etc. You do NOT need teaching experience to be a reading coach. **All you need is about 2 hours a week to offer a child who is struggling, who would love to know that you care about them.**

Training will be at Milford First UMC, located at 541 Main Street in Milford. Contact Corina Hammerle with questions: corina@milfordfirstumc.org or call or text at 513-348-6897.

