

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—October 4, 2026



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from *Global Ministries Disciples of Christ*

LEADER: In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

PEOPLE: **Today we gather around one table!**

LEADER: What do we find at today's table?

PEOPLE: **God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.**

LEADER: Let us repent and give thanks to God's power to bring salvation to all who believe.

PEOPLE: **Let us worship together the God, who makes us one.**

*HYMN

One Bread, One Body

#620 UMH

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all

One cup of blessing which we bless.

*And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more. (Refrain)

Many the gifts, many the works.
One in the Lord of all. (Refrain)

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. (Refrain)

Words & Music: John B. Foley (1978)

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*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

Philippians 3:7-11 (CEV)

⁷ But Christ has shown me that what I once thought was valuable is worthless. ⁸ Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have given up everything else and count it all as garbage. All I want is Christ ⁹ and to know that I belong to him. I could not make myself acceptable to God by obeying the Law of Moses. God accepted me simply because of my faith in Christ. ¹⁰ All I want is to know Christ and the power that raised him to life. I want to suffer and die as he did, ¹¹ so that somehow I also may be raised to life.

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

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

UMH #160 refrain only

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Words: Edward Plumptre (1865)

Music: Aurthur Messiter (1889)

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CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM—9:40am



Madeline Jane Hill
Child of Chandler and Susan Hill

ALL: With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that this child, may be surrounded in steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. Amen.

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

adapted from Global Ministries Disciples of Christ

- One: For our failure to feel the sufferings of others, and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice,
- Many: **God forgive us.**
- One: For the self-righteousness which denies guilt, and the self-interest which strangles compassion,
- Many: **God forgive us.**
- One: For those who live their lives in careless unconcern, who cry 'Peace, peace' when there is no peace,
- Many: **We ask your mercy.**
- One: For our failings in community, our lack of understanding, our inability to include all,
- Many: **We ask your mercy.**
- One: For the times when we are too eager to be better than others, when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don't really listen, when we are too quick to act from motives other than love,
- All: **God forgive us.**

Silent Prayers may be offered

Merciful God, we acknowledge our brokenness before You today.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know that God loves you. From the very beginning God's loving mercy has been poured out upon you. God watches over you, guiding you each day. On behalf of Jesus Christ, our Savior: you are forgiven; forgive others. You are restored; restore others. You are reconciled with God; be reconciled with others, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

So now as a people redeemed by God, let us boldly pray what Christ taught us to pray 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

Psalm 19: 1, 7-9 & 14 (NIV)

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.

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The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

¹⁴ May these words of my mouth
and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Words from the Table of Christ

Rev. David W. Brown

BECOMING ONE IN CHRIST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Communion is the Table of the Lord. You need not be a member of the United Methodist Church or Armstrong Chapel. Simply desire to receive the grace of Jesus Christ.

From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to the table. We come with the songs of our ancestors and the prayers of those who came before us. We come carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy. From the villages of Africa and the islands of the Pacific, from the mountains of Asia and the cities of the Americas, from the churches of Europe and the Middle East— We come as one people, gathered in Christ.

Some come to this table with abundance. Some come longing for daily bread.

Christ welcomes us all.

Some come singing. Some come grieving. Some come with questions. Some come with gratitude.

Christ welcomes us all.

Today, the walls that divide us do not have the final word. Language does not divide us. Geography does not divide us. Culture does not divide us.

At Christ's table, there is room for all.

Come, people of God. Come with open hands and open hearts. Come to receive, to remember, to share.

We come to be made one.

THE PRAYER OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his friends. He took the cup and shared it as a sign of a new covenant—a promise of love stronger than violence, hope stronger than despair, and life stronger than death.

Holy Spirit, breathe upon this bread and this cup and upon all who receive them.

As Christians around the world gather today, make us mindful of one another:

- of those who worship in crowded churches and those who gather in small communities
- of those who celebrate with joyful music and dancing and those whose worship is quiet and contemplative
- of those who have enough to eat and those who cry out for bread
- of those who worship in freedom and those who gather amid conflict, displacement, or persecution.

Make us one in the love of Christ.

Make us people who share what we have,
who welcome the stranger,
who seek reconciliation,
who stand with those who suffer,
and who work for the peace of all creation. Amen.

SHARING 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

Bread of the World
#624 UMH

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead:

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token
that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Author: Reginald Heber (1827)
Music: John S. B. Hodges (1868)

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BENEDICTION

adapted from Rev. Dr. Ian Alexander, Church of Scotland

We have been guests of Jesus Christ.
We have received God's good gifts.
Now we go out in the Spirit to our homes, to our neighborhoods, to our workplaces ready to put Jesus' words into action:

to be the salt of the earth,
to be light to the world,
to seek justice,
to make peace,
to redeem the creation,
to gain life for all.

The Blessing of the God as Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit be upon us all, today and every day. Amen.

POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Mark Paluta

Liturgist at 9:40 – Jane Florer

Greeters at 9:40 – Pat Smith and Leslie and Mark Pennell

The flowers in the Sanctuary are from Judy McElwee's memorial service.



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

**REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE**



**ONLINE
GIVING**



—Missions Moment— October 18 during 9:40 Worship

Inter Parish Ministry – President & CEO, Melissa Meyer

Community has been at the heart of IPM since day one. In 1964, four local churches came together to support families living in poverty along the Little Miami River near Newtown, Ohio. Recognizing the power of collaboration, they formed a nonprofit—Inter Parish Ministry—with a simple but powerful mission: to help neighbors in times of need.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

**Sundays, October 11—November 15
from 10:45-11:45am in the Armstrong Room**

Come learn what it means to be a member of the United Methodist Church and Armstrong Chapel.

Sign up by checking Box #4 on your Connect Card or email Joy in the church office at jhelton@armstrongchapel.org If you need childcare, please let us know. If you cannot make it each week, that's ok.



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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.