

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—October 11, 2026



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Thom Shuman

LEADER: We gather to worship the living God.

PEOPLE: **In you, O Creator, we hope and live.**

LEADER: In this very moment,
we are invited to center on Christ.

PEOPLE: **In you, Christ of the Way, we rejoice!**

LEADER: Here on this day of gentleness and beauty,
we are filled with the peace of God.

PEOPLE: **O Spirit, guide our path to serve...**

*HYMN

O Worship the King

UMH #73, vs 2-4

2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Words: Robert Grant (1833)

Composer: Johann Michael Haydn

Arranger: William Gardiner (1815)

*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,
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

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SCRIPTURE

Psalm 106:2-5 (NIV)

- ² Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord
or fully declare God's praise?
³ Blessed are those who act justly,
who always do what is right.
⁴ Remember me, Lord,
when you show favor to your people,
come to my aid when you save them,
⁵ that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that I may share in the joy of your nation
and join your inheritance in giving praise.

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

More Precious than Silver
#2065 FWS

Lord, you are more precious than silver.
Lord, you are more costly than gold.
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with you.

Words: Lynn De Shazo
Music © 1982 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adapted from *Thom M. Shuman*

Silencing the noise of chaos, God of wonder and
might, you created the heavens and earth, your
steadfast love poured out into the oceans brimming
with life, your joy flowing into every valley of hope.

Your heart melted with love as you created us in your
image, so we might live with you in that garden of
peace.

But we exchanged your dreams for the seductive lies
of death, so we might graze in sin's fallow fields.

You longed to bring us back, making your gentleness
known in prophets throughout the ages. When we
continued to refuse your invitation to your heart, you
sent Jesus to us, to round up all of your children and
lead them home to you.

God in Community, Holy in One, as you live in us, so
we will live for others;
remembering those who are sick...
reclaiming those who are broken...

defending those who have no justice...
sustaining any without shelter or food...
even as we pray as taught by Jesus:

**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

Exodus 32:1-14 (NRSVUE)

¹ When the people saw that Moses delayed to come
down from the mountain, the people gathered
around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for
us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man
who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not
know what has become of him." ² Aaron said to them,
"Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your
wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them
to me." ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from
their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took these
from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image
of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ When
Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron
made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a
festival to the Lord." ⁶ They rose early the next day

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and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

⁷ The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Appealing to God's Promises

Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

#361

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Author; Augustus M. Toplady (1776)

Composer: Thomas Hastings (1830)

BLESSING

Adapted from Thom M. Shuman

We have heard the good news of Jesus' grace;
we have received hope from surprising mercies;
we have learned to trust God in every moment.
Go to make God's faithfulness known.
In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
we pray. Amen

**Stand as you are able*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Victoria Rhodus

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

Armstrong Bell Choir at 9:40 – directed by Chester Imhausen

Prelude

Appassionata

-Joy

Offertory

The River

-arr Page



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

**REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE**



**ONLINE
GIVING**



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MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

STARTING TODAY!!!!

**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.

We will have childcare. If you cannot make it each week, that's ok.



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.

—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.

Calling All Children Singers!

The Armstrong Chapel Handbell Choir has a music selection for Sunday, Nov. 22, that we would like to feature all children singers ages 6-12. Rehearsals will be Sundays Nov. 8 and 15 from 10:45-11:00am in the Children's Center, and Sunday morning Nov. 22 in the Sanctuary from 8:50-9:10am (accompanied by the Handbell Choir). Parents, if your children are interested in participating, please text or email Chester Imhausen, 513-633-6411, cimhausen@gmail.com.



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