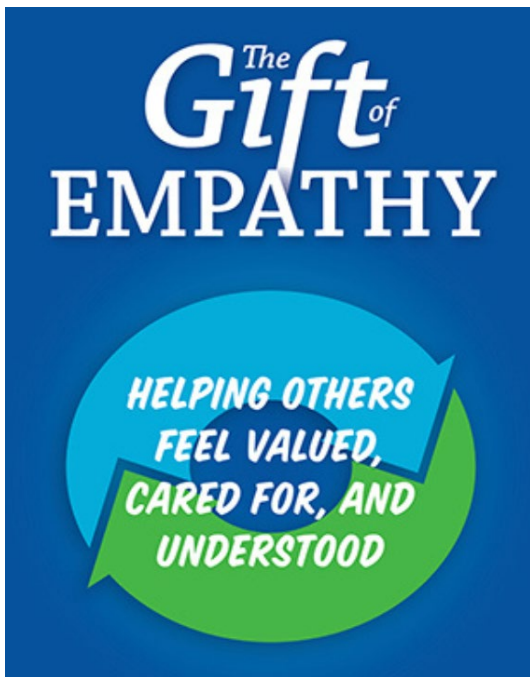


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*Love leans in first. It listens long enough to understand why. It hears what a person fought through to get to where they are. It listens until it can hear with empathy.*

— Brian Johnson

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Townley

**Leader:** Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

**People:** Lord, help us to truly listen to you.

**Leader:** Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

**People:** Lord, help us to work for you.

**Leader:** Lord, make us ready to serve.

**People:** Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love. AMEN.

### \*HYMN

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

UMH #430

O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong;

In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1879)

Music: H. Percy Smith (1874)

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*The Nicene Creed*

#880 UMH

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.

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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*

## SCRIPTURE

Galatians 6:2

(NRSV) <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way  
you will fulfill the law of Christ.

(NIV) <sup>2</sup> Carry each other's burdens, and in this way  
you will fulfill the law of Christ.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## SINGING OF FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN—9:40AM

## HYMN

*Close to Thee*

#407, refrain vs 1

Close to thee, close to thee,  
close to thee, close to thee,  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Savior, let me walk with thee.

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1874)

Music: Silas J. Vail (1874)

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from a writing by Nancy Townley

Lord, you know how great our needs are. In these  
difficult times when jobs are threatened, homes are  
being lost, families are experiencing great stress,  
come and bring your healing love. Help us to place  
our trust in you. Remind us again of how you  
transform lives, not just with healing, but with a spirit  
of hope and compassion. Keep us hopeful. Teach us  
not to give up when things are going wrong. Give us  
faith that can move mountains. Give us hearts that  
are ready to be of service to others in all times and in  
all places. We lifted up people and situations which  
concern us and ask for your hand of healing:  
(Silent Prayers)

Remind us that that same healing hand rests on us  
also. Enable us to be people of compassion and trust;  
for we ask these things in Jesus' name and pray as He  
taught 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 THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Share the good news with one another:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

## HYMN

*Close to Thee*

#407, refrain vs 1

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close to thee, close to thee,  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Savior, let me walk with thee.

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1874)

Music: Silas J. Vail (1874)

## GIVING

### \*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

Luke 10:25-37 (NRSV)

<sup>25</sup> An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.  
"Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal  
life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law?  
What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall  
love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all  
your soul and with all your strength and with all your  
mind and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to  
him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and  
you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus,  
"And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man  
was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell  
into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat  
him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by  
chance a priest was going down that road, and when  
he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So  
likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw  
him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan  
while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him  
he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him

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and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks Be to God.**

## MESSAGE

*Moved with Compassion*

Rev. David W. Brown

## \*HYMN

*Nothing Between*

#373 UMH

Nothing between my soul and my Savior,  
naught of this world's delusive dream;  
I have renounced all sinful pleasure;  
Jesus is mine, there's nothing between.

Refrain:

*Nothing between my soul and my Savior,  
so that his blessed face may be seen;  
nothing preventing the least of his favor;  
keep the way clear! let nothing between.*

Nothing between, like worldly pleasure;  
habits of life, though harmless they seem,  
must not my heart from him ever sever;  
he is my all, there's nothing between. (Refrain)

Nothing between, like pride or station;  
self or friends shall not intervene;  
though it may cost me much tribulation,  
I am resolved, there's nothing between. (Refrain)

Nothing between, e'en many hard trials,  
though the whole world against me convene;  
watching with prayer and much self denial,  
I'll triumph at last, there's nothing between. (Refrain)  
Text & Music: Charles Albert Tindley (ca. 1906)

## BENEDICTION

Adapted from a writing by Nancy Townley

May Christ, in great love and mercy, touched each heart. To each of us, Christ gives strength, peace, joy, and love. Receive the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.  
AMEN.

\*Stand in body or in spirit

*Liturgist at 8:20 – Carol Ney*

*Liturgist at 9:40 – Hanlin Bavely*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Fred and Lois Owlett and their son, Timothy Michael Owlett, given by their children – the Eve, Owlett and Averwater families.*



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

## REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE



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**Fall FELLOWSHIP TAILGATE**  
FUN FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH!

**SEPTEMBER 29 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM COLORS!**  
**FOOD GAMES MUSIC**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT FOR KIDS**

[WWW.ARMSTRONGCHAPEL.ORG/MEN/](http://WWW.ARMSTRONGCHAPEL.ORG/MEN/)

Volunteers needed to set-up, grill, serve, man games, and clean-up: [bit.ly/3AvIT5b](https://bit.ly/3AvIT5b)

**Set up a tailgate, decorate your car, bring some chairs, wear your favorite team colors, or just come and have fun!**

There will be a "Spirit Award" for the best tailgate.

**We will have your tailgate food favorites!**

If you have a special game-day food to share – let us know.

**games for all ages  
music**

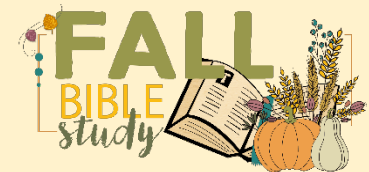
**watch the Bengals game at 1:00pm**

**bring candy for "Trunk-or-Treat" for the little ones**

## WOMEN'S STUDIES

[ArmstrongChapel.org/womenunited](http://ArmstrongChapel.org/womenunited)

- **Mondays at 9:30am** in the Armstrong Room. New study begins 9/16. *Hear My Prayer* by Liz Ditty is a six-week study that leads to a deeper understanding of God's character and a closer walk with Him. Led by Sue Porter and Serena Tsuang.
- **Mondays at 6:30pm** at Panera in Mariemont. New 13-week study begins 9/9. *The Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer is an action plan for putting on the full armor of God, piece by piece, so you are equipped to turn challenges and discouragement into opportunities for prayer by developing and implementing practical, purposeful prayer strategies. To get your book and video access, please call (513) 379-5187. Led by Victoria Rhodus.
- **Tuesdays at 9:45am** at the home of Julie Holland. New Study begins 9/10. *ABIDE*, a study of the letters of 1, 2, 3 John by Jen Wilkin. In this 10-week study see how 2000 years later, the Bible calls to Christians in similar challenges to recall the great salvation and to abide in the truth.
- **Thursday at 6:30am** in the Armstrong Room. William Barclay's *Gospel of Matthew*. Led by Jan Bell and Pam Westrup.



## MEN'S STUDIES

[ArmstrongChapel.org/men](http://ArmstrongChapel.org/men)

- **Friday Morning Bible Study:** Verse-by-verse study of scripture (currently in Luke) led by Pastor David Brown. Fridays at 7:00am in the Armstrong Room and via Zoom.
- **Burgers, Brews & the Bible:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00pm beginning 9/10 at 50 West Burger Bar. New study of 1 Corinthians. Led by Gordon Miller.
- **715BC:** Breakfast Wednesdays at 7:15am at the National Exemplar in Mariemont. Currently studying the book of Mark. Led by Bill Woodward.



**Women UNITED Monthly Luncheon**

**SEPTEMBER 11**  
**12:30 pm - 1:30 pm**

**National Exemplar**  
6880 Wooster Pike

RSVP to Niki Mitchell  
[nmitchell@armstrongchapel.org](mailto:nmitchell@armstrongchapel.org)



**Armstrong MEN Craving**

White Castle and Fellowship?

**Saturday BREAKFAST**  
*is back!*

**September 21**  
in the Armstrong Room  
**8:00 am - 9:30 am**

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## DISCIPLE

BECOMING DISCIPLES  
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Armstrong Room beginning 9/18  
Led by Kent Smith

*Disciple: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study, is a thirty-four week overview of the entire Bible. The study covers the entire Bible following the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem.*

The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. *Disciple* draws upon the work of scholars, personal Bible reading and study of the participant (about 30 minutes a day), and dynamic group discussion to aid understanding of the Bible.

Sample material is available at the Atrium entrance book cart. If you have questions about the Disciple program, please reach out to Kent at 513-476-7227. Register at [bit.ly/4bAteND](https://bit.ly/4bAteND).

## Armstrong Chapel Ringers

Do you have a desire to serve the Lord with music? You have an opportunity this fall to join a six-week workshop in the art of handbell ringing. **Starting September 15**, we will meet from **\*\*\*4:30-5:30pm – please note time change\*\*\*** in the Handbell Room on the second floor of our educational wing.



Many handbell techniques, including learning to read and follow music, will be introduced, and if you already know how to read music you will be part of the leadership! Be prepared to start slowly and support each other as you learn. This will be a multi-generational group, from middle school through adult. Families are encouraged to participate together. **Please contact Chester Imhausen by September 8**, [cimhausen@gmail.com](mailto:cimhausen@gmail.com) or 513-633-6411, so he can have enough materials ready for each person.