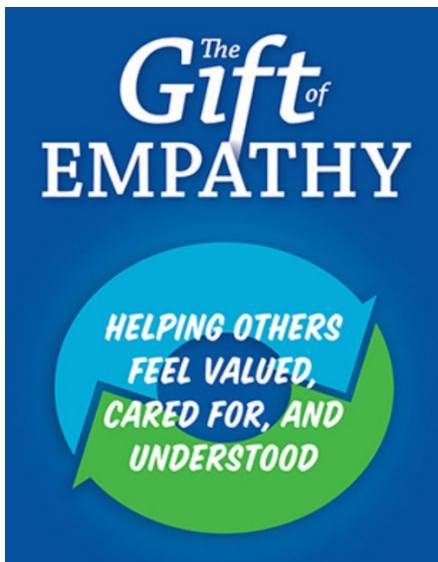


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Loneliness is a common human experience that can have negative effects on mental and physical health...

from Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation: The U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on the Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community

— Vivek H. Murthy, M.D., M.B.A.

21st Surgeon General of the United States
Vice Admiral, United States Public Health Service

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Leah McClain

Leader: God, open our eyes, hearts, and minds to those who are around us.

People: **Open our eyes that we might see...**

Leader: Reveal suffering or joy, strength or weakness, sorrow or thanksgiving.

People: **Open my mouth and let me share...**

Leader: Grant us wisdom to live with the mind of Christ.

People: **Make us ready for opportunities to serve, forgive, be kindhearted and loving.**

*HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
UMH #430

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

Words: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887
Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

***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

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SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:15-18 (NIV)

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

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

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
#462 Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

Words: Louisa M.R. Stead (1882)
Music: William J. Kirkpatrick (1882)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from a writing by Nancy Townley

Loving Creator,
We know that you are with us in every time and season. In all things, you are faithful. Yet when winds are raging, we may find it hard to hear your voice. When skies are dark, we may struggle to see your face. When all around is chaos, fear and destruction, the peace you promise seems worlds away...

And yet we continue to seek you even in the storm.
And we seek you in the morning after. Surround us with the certainty of your loving presence...

To those in raging winds, speak words of calm and comfort. For those in great darkness, send light. For those surrounded by the remains of what was; answer the silence with promises of all that might be...

Renew our strength for the seasons ahead. May we hear again your call to be the Church; to speak comfort to those who weep, and to be present with

those who suffer. We trust that you have given us every gift. Teach us to walk in the way of Christ—

(Silent Prayers)

Hear us as we pray:

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

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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

Philippians 2:1-5 (NRSV)

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...

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Thanks Be to God.

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MESSAGE

No Longer Feeling Alone
Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

Where He Leads Me
#338 UMH

I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
"Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

Refrain:

*Where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow;
I'll go with him, with him all the way.*

I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him, with him all the way. (Refrain)

I'll go with him through the judgment,
I'll go with him through the judgment,
I'll go with him through the judgment,
I'll go with him, with him all the way. (Refrain)

He will give me grace and glory,
he will give me grace and glory,
he will give me grace and glory,
and go with me, with me all the way. (Refrain)

Text: E. W. Blandy (1890)
Music: John S. Norris (1890)

BENEDICTION

Adapted from a writing by Mike Kaiser

Go today with gentleness in your heart and mercy and kindness on your lips.

Be a community that builds bridges, restores sight, binds wounds, forgives trespasses, and loves generously in the same way that God has with you.

We pray this in the name of the loving Creator, Jesus, the Son, and the guiding Spirit. Amen.

*Stand in body or in spirit

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Jay DeWitt



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

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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/

Volunteers needed to set-up, grill, serve, man games, and clean-up: 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

- **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. *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. 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

- **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.
- **Burgers, Brews & the Bible:** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00pm at 50 West Burger Bar. Led by Gordon Miller.
- **715BC:** Breakfast Wednesdays at 7:15am at the National Exemplar in Mariemont. Led by Bill Woodward.

This fall we're super excited to team up with the 7th-12th grade youth from Sharonville UMC and Trinity UMC (in Milford) for a fall schedule filled with fun, service, and connection!

ARMSTRONG YOUTH

- 9/15—Youth Fellowship 6:00-8:00pm @Armstrong Chapel
 - 9/22—Youth Fellowship 6:00-8:00pm @Trinity UMC in Milford
 - 9/28—Kids in Service Saturday: Sharonville UMC Rummage Sale 9:00am
 - 9/29—Tailgate Party 11am-2pm @Armstrong Chapel
- Questions? Contact Carol Adams, Armstrong Chapel member and Sharonville UMC Youth Director at youth@sharonvilleumc.org

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**Saturday
BREAKFAST**
is back!



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