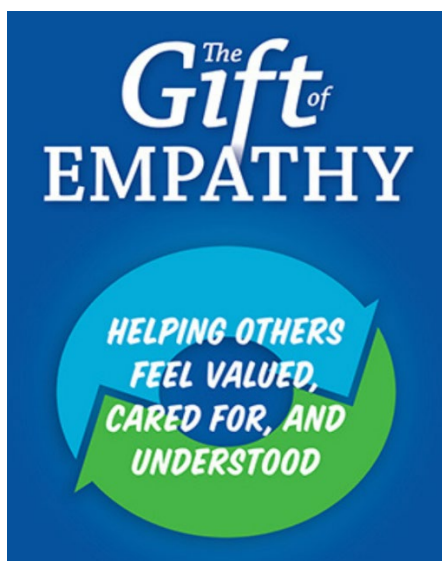


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*"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."
– Mother Teresa*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Nancy Townley

Leader: Jesus calls us to servant ministry.
People: **We are invited to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.**
Leader: Pretense, disharmony, and greed have no place in discipleship.
People: **Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.**
Leader: Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.
People: **Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and empathy.**

*HYMN

Make Me a Captive Lord
UMH #421

Make me a captive, Lord,
and then I shall be free.
Force me to render up my sword,
and I shall conqueror be.
I sink in life's alarms
when by myself I stand;
imprison me within thine arms,
and strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor
until it master find;
it has no spring of action sure,
it varies with the wind.

It cannot freely move
till thou hast wrought its chain;
enslave it with thy matchless love,
and deathless it shall reign.

My power is faint and low
till I have learned to serve;
it lacks the needed fire to glow,
it lacks the breeze to nerve.
It cannot drive the world
until itself be driven;
its flag can only be unfurled
when thou shalt breathe from heaven.

My will is not my own
till thou hast made it thine;
if it would reach a monarch's throne,
it must its crown resign.
It only stands unbent
amid the clashing strife,
when on thy bosom it has leant,
and found in thee its life.

Words: George Matheson (1890)
Music: George J. Elvey (1868)

*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

James 2:14-17 (NIV)

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

The Word of God for the People of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

SINGING OF FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3YR OLDS &

3RD GRADERS—9:40AM Amy Voss, Preschool Director

Paul wrote to Timothy, “From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 3:15)

God has given the Bible, both to be our guide through life and to show us God’s good, gracious, and saving will. It is in the Bible’s message of the gospel that we meet our Savior Jesus Christ, hear his Word, and come to know God as a compassionate and gracious companion through life.

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our discovery of you. Help us learn together and grow in our love for God’s Word. Allow us to learn its stories and study its lessons. Its stories belong to us all, they tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the beloved children of God. The Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN

Are Ye Able

#530 Refrain

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

Words: Earl Marlatt (1926)
Music: Harry S. Mason (1924)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from a writing by Nancy Townley

God of patience and mercy, we come to you, to do something which is often hard for us, to engage in your kingdom work. We turn our back on service out of fear of failure. We count the cost and think it is too much to pay. We rely only our own insights and not that of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Heal our fears and our weaknesses. Strengthen us and give us courage to truly be your disciples, not counting the rewards, but rejoicing in the work.

When Jesus was confronted with their fears and concerns, he responded that we should be ready for service rather than adulation, and then he placed a small child in their midst; “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me but the One who sent me.” Help us to reach out to others, not with thought of importance or gain, but in love and empathy; truly caring for each one we meet. When we have done this, we will have truly given our hearts and our service to our Lord.

(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.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Text: Afro-American spiritual

Music: William Farley Smith (1986)

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SCRIPTURE

Job 2:11-13 (NRSV)

¹¹ Now when Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them set out from home... They met together to go and console and comfort him. ¹² When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. ¹³ They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great...

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks Be to God.

BENEDICTION

Adapted from a writing by Nancy Townley

Go in confidence and peace, joyfully serving the Lord who walks with you. Bring hope to the hopeless, joy to those who sorrow, peace to the afflicted. Be true witnesses to the love of God through Jesus Christ.
AMEN.

*Stand in body or in spirit

MESSAGE

Friends of Empathy
Rev. David W. Brown

Liturgist at 8:20 – Carol Ney

Liturgist at 9:40 – Victoria Rhodus

*HYMN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
#402UMH

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart,
in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.



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

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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

ARMSTRONG YOUTH

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!

- 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

5th Annual Period Packs Project

Women and girls of limited means often lack the funds for sanitary products. Still, they want to experience a period that is comfortable and free of embarrassment. When they lack the needed products, they frequently miss school or work. Last year, Armstrong Chapel served 260 women and girls.

To donate products (see the online sign-up for the complete list and volunteer opportunities on Saturday morning November 2), please go to <https://bit.ly/3MzffO4> and let us know what items you'll bring in. We are requesting these specific products (and more listed online) to better accommodate the needs of our mission partners:

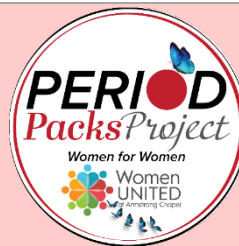
- Regular Size Sanitary Pads – 22 or 28 count
- Regular Size Tampons – 16 or 18 count
- Flushable Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer – 2oz

If you can't find these items – or don't have time to shop for them – then we welcome your cash donation. Each PACK costs ~\$30. armstrongchapel.org/giving

Drop off products at the church office **through October 20 between 9am to 2pm on M/T/Th**, or in the **designated bins in the Atrium** on Sundays. (FYI: Incontinence products are NOT included in this effort.)

We will gift ALL Packs to our mission partners: John P. Parker School, Heritage Hill Elementary School, and Madisonville Education Assistance Center (MEAC).

To assist with collections or to ask a question, contact Shelley Bamberger shelleypresents@gmail.com or Jan Rogers jan@timetimer.com.



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