

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Nancy Townley

Leader: Welcome to worship today.

Bring your joys and sorrows to the Lord.

People: We come from busy lives, filled with a host

of trials and blessings.

Leader: Give your fears to the Lord,

for God will heal your souls.

People: Praise to God who listens to our cries.

Leader: Open your ears and your hearts to the Lord.

People: We open our lives to do God's will.

*HYMN

Take Up Thy Cross
UMH #415

"Take up thy cross," the Savior said,
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me."

Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm; his strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy foolish pride rebel; thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

> Words: Charles W. Everest (1833) Music: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

*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

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NRSVUE)

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of God for the People of God. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

FWS #2086

SINGING OF FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN - 9:40AM

HYMN Open Our Eyes

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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God of infinite patience and wisdom, we come to you with so many things that claim our time, our energy, our resources, our very lives. We are easily drawn away from serving you by the enticements of the world for wealth, ease, and comfort. Just like the young man in the scriptures, we are owned by our possessions, held captive by our treasures. You continue to offer to us healing and hope. You seek to transform our lives from captivity to freedom in witness and service. We look at the world in which there is so very much warfare and strife, anger and hatred, and we easily become overwhelmed by the needs and the stresses. Help us to place our lives and our trust in you, knowing that with your help, many wonderful things can be accomplished which will provide hope and peace for others and ourselves. Give us courage and strength to truly be your disciples.

Hear the silent cries of our hearts...

(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.

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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

Mark 10:17-22 (NRSVUE)

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

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MESSAGE

Finding Grace Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

Take My Life, and Let it Be UMH #399

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal (1873) Composer: Louis J. F. Hérold (1839) Arranger: George Kingsley (1839)

BENEDICTION

from Nancy Townley

You have been made free by the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Go into the world to serve God by helping others. Be at peace and bring God's peace and love with you wherever you go.

In the Name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer we pray. AMEN.

Liturgist at 8:20 – Mark Paluta Liturgist at 9:40 – Beth Eberle



Gather in the Atrium following the 9:40 service!







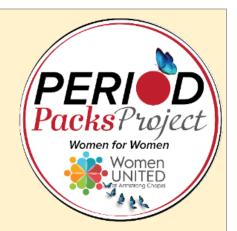
^{*}Stand in body or in spirit

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.



