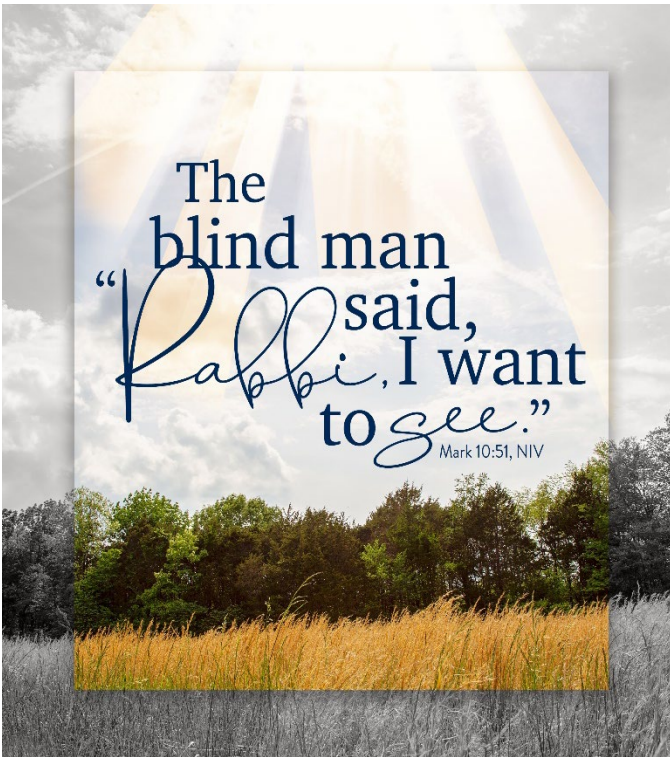


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PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from a writing by Nancy C. Townley

Leader: Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

People: **From the storms and struggles, of life we seek the Lord.**

Leader: Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

People: **From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace in the Lord.**

Leader: Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given blessing.

People: **Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed.**

*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
UMH #89

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.

Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1907, st. 4 alt. 1989)

Music Composer: Ludwig von Beethoven (1824)

Arranger: Edward Hodges (1964)

*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.**

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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

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 34:1-8 (NRSV)

- ¹ I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
² My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
³ O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
⁵ Look to him, and be radiant,
so your[a] faces shall never be ashamed.
⁶ This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord
and was saved from every trouble.
⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.
⁸ O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

The Word of God for the People of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM—8:20am



Colette Josephine Maschino

Daughter of Tyler & Jennifer Maschino

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

With God's help we will so order our lives after the
example of Christ, that this child, surrounded by
steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and
confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads
to life eternal. Amen.

SINGING OF FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN—9:40AM

HYMN

My Hope Is Built

Refrain only #368 UMH

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand!

Words: Edward Mole (1834)
Music: William Bradbury, (1863)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Adapted from a prayer by Nancy C. Townley

Why is it that we are afraid to cry aloud our need to
God? We sit in our darkness and complain about the
dire circumstances that have overtaken us. Yet, when
given the opportunity to approach the Savior who
offers us light and healing, we cower in the darkness,
not daring to believe that healing and light are
possible for us.

The darkness of our souls invades all of our lives; it
colors our attitudes and determines our actions:

...blinded by foolish pride.
...broken by selfish ambitions.
...inhibited by doubt.
...perplex by war and violence.

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Lord Jesus, come and shine your light not only on us, but in us and eventually through us. Break the barriers we have erected against peace, freedom, and hope. Bathe us in the light of love, and we shall become bearers of that incredible light for others who dwell in darkness. As we receive the light from you, give us courage and confidence to reach out in compassion and service in your name.

Hear the silent prayers of our hearts...

Hear us as we pray as Christ 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

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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 10:46-52 (NRSV)

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you."

⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks Be to God.

MESSAGE

Calling Jesus

Rev. David W. Brown



*HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

#110 UMH

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

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That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

Text & Music: Martin Luther (1529)

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Rev. Steve Hoard

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

Prelude: Come, Christians, Join to Sing -arr Tucker

Offertory: Fount of Every Blessing -arr Krug

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of Frank and Doreene Cleveland by their family.

BENEDICTION

by Nancy C. Townley

Darkness has been banished. Sight has been restored.
Your lives are reformed in Christ's love. Go now in
peace to serve with great joy. Bring the love of God
with you so that the light which has brightened your
life may shine for others. Go now, beloved, to serve.

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

*Stand in body or in spirit



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

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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.

DONATED ITEMS ARE DUE TODAY!

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

Friends of Armstrong Chapel, Janet and Scott Sayre, are flying supplies to residents of Asheville, NC, and surrounding areas who were displaced from their homes due to Hurricane Helene.



While the list of needed items is long, just as our temperatures are dropping, so they are in the south, donations of **new or gently used coats, jackets, gloves, hats, sweatshirts, and sweaters** would be tremendously appreciated. Other items to consider donating: **diapers, formula, socks, sleeping bags.**

Items may be dropped off at the Atrium entrance **through TODAY.**

ARMSTRONG YOUTH

We are teaming up with the 7th-12th grade youth from Sharonville UMC and Trinity UMC (in Milford) for a schedule filled with fun, service, and connection! Questions? Contact Carol Adams, Armstrong Chapel member and Sharonville UMC Youth Director at youth@sharonvilleumc.org.

- Oct 27—at Trinity UMC 6:00pm
- Nov 2—Kids in Service Saturday 8:30am
- Nov 3—at Armstrong 6:00pm
- Nov 9—Kids in Service Saturday TBA
- Nov 10—Fall Outing 6:00pm
- Nov 17—Sharonville UMC 6:00pm

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**Wednesday, November 6
at 7:00 pm in the Old Chapel**

The Stephen Ministers of Armstrong Chapel are pleased to offer a service of remembrance, comfort, and hope. Everyone is invited to share in this time to still your soul, honor your saints and loved ones, grieve your losses, and be comforted by God's word and by his music. As we participate in the liturgy and the hymns, in lighting candles, in acknowledging our tears, and in our listening, we will strengthen our community of hope together.

Annual Yardwork Outreach in Madisonville

Saturday morning, November 9

Help low-income, elderly, and disabled homeowners prepare their homes for winter throughout the fall season. **No experience needed – mostly raking/bagging leaves and cleaning gutters - this event is open to all ages and skillsets!** It's a great opportunity to help our neighbors in Madisonville!



Sponsored by Armstrong Men
Contact John Westrup at
513-390-4519 (call/text)
to sign up.



**Veterans Day Remembrance
with River's Edge Brass Band**

**Sunday, November 10
during 9:40 worship
in the Sanctuary**



Thanksgiving Meal Community Outreach

Joshua's Place (www.joshuasplace.cc) is a locally based non-profit that comes alongside families to help them overcome the barriers in their lives that cause instability. We want to bless the families that are part of the Deer Park Food Co-op this holiday season by providing them with a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

To provide a meal for a family from the Deer Park community, pick up a bag and shopping list in the Atrium and buy the items listed. Joshua's Place will get the meal in the hands of a family in need. **Meal kits are due 11/10.**

Sharing the Joy of the Season with Our Neighbors in Need

Christmas is right around the corner! We are supporting **Inter Parish Ministry's Christmas Store**, one of their biggest events of the year. IPM's mission is to ensure that every family enjoys a joyful and festive holiday season by extending the warmth and spirit of giving to those in need.



You can find a list of ideas on IPM's website along with their Amazon wish lists links at <https://www.ipmfoodpantry.org/christmas-giving>. Printed lists are also available on the desk in the Atrium.

UNWRAPPED gifts should be delivered to the Atrium no later than Sunday, December 15.

Volunteers will be needed at 11am on December 15 to sort the items we collect into age groups.

Questions? Connect with Niki Mitchell at nmitchell@armstrongchapel.org.



**PACKING SHOEBOXES HELPS
CHILDREN IN THE REMOTE CORNERS
OF THE WORLD HEAR THE GOOD
NEWS OF THE GOSPEL.**

Each shoebox helps a local church around the world tell a child about Jesus, God's Greatest Gift. Many of them will grow in their faith and learn how to tell friends and family about Him. In sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we are also sharing God's Word with dozens of unreached people groups and going to hard-to reach places to make His Name known.

Pre-printed boxes and brochures are available in the Atrium. Visit SamaritansPurse.org for more information.
BOXES ARE DUE 11/11.