

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—February 9, 2025



But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows,
for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]

Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain].

Author: John H. Sammis (1887)
Music: Dainiel B. Towner (1887)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Lisa Hancock

LEADER: Beloved, the Savior calls to you. Will you follow?

PEOPLE: **God, help us leave everything and follow.**

LEADER: Christ's call persists through the clouds of doubt, fear, and worry that descend on our path. Will you follow?

PEOPLE: **God, help us leave everything and follow.**

*HYMN

Trust and Obey
#467 UMH

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain]

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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.**

*Traditional use of this creed includes these words: "He descended into hell."
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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8 (NRSVUE)

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!"

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⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SHARING OF FAVORITE HYMNS 8:20AM

TIME WITH CHILDREN 9:40AM

HYMN *Surely the Presence of the Lord*
#328 UMH

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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PRAYERS OF PEOPLE

Adapted from a writing by T. Anne Daniel

O God, some have come under compulsion. Some have come out of curiosity. Some have come out of a great need...

Help us come to follow Jesus.

Some have come out of tradition. Some have come for a fresh start. Some have come to make a difference...

Help us come to follow Jesus.

All will meet Jesus. All will have the opportunity to be blessed. All will decide what to do, having met Jesus. May we decide to follow him.

Hear the silent prayers of our hearts
(silent prayers)

Hear us as we join 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 OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Offer the peace of Christ by saying:

The peace of Christ be with you.

Respond: And also with you!

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SHARING OF GIFTS

***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 5:1-11 (NRSVUE)

¹ On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon

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Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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MESSAGE

A Fishy Calling
Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

Here I am, Lord
#593 UMH

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send? [Chorus]

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? [Chorus]

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Adapter: Carlton R. Young (1988)
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*BLESSING

So go from worship,
strong in the knowledge
that God invites you to answer your calling.

God will equip, empower, and lead you.
Follow in the joy of God's kingdom.

To the glory of the Creator, Redeemer, and
Comforter.
Amen.

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist 8:20 – Carol Ney
Liturgist 9:40 – Jay DeWitt



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

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ATTENDANCE



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SUPERCharge Event March 15

in the Worship Center
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Movie...*The Hill*,
Fellowship, Food, and Fun!

Registration Open

visit...armstrongchapel.org

Women UNITED
Monthly Luncheon
FEBRUARY 12
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
National Exemplar
6880 Wooster Pike
RSVP to Niki Mitchell
nmitchell@armstrongchapel.org



Women's Retreat

Hosted by Melanie Stearns, past director of Armstrong women's programs

Saturday, March 8 from 8:45am to 2pm
Grace United Methodist Church in Hamilton, Ohio

\$15 registration fee payable at the door
Great coffee, breakfast and lunch included

Pray about inviting a friend or family member.
Carpooling available.

RSVP by 2/28 to Sue Porter at sueporter513@gmail.com

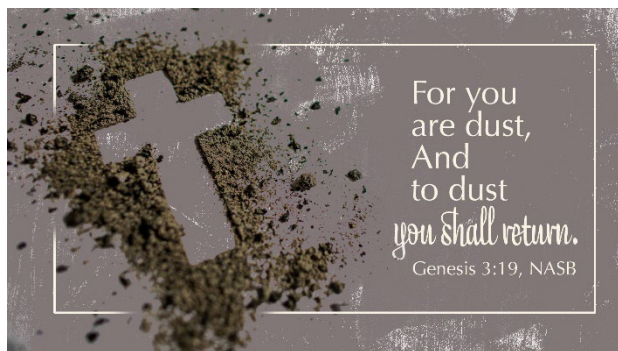


WOW! Have you heard? We have 150 kids
registered for Vacation Bible School already!
(registration is waitlisted now)

The kids are going on an Alaska adventure to learn that Jesus is a faithful friend we can always trust.

We cannot have VBS without volunteers!

VBS is July 14-17 with decorating and prep during the weeks before. Visit bit.ly/40ZjM4h to let us know how you want to help. If you have questions, connect with Jennifer Hock at hockkj@yahoo.com.



Ash Wednesday

March 5 at 4:30pm in Old Chapel

The year's season of Lent begins on March 5 – a day known as *Ash Wednesday*. This day is important because it marks the start of the Lenten period leading up to Easter. Ashes symbolize both death and repentance. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

The ashes typically are imposed with the words, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return," while the sign of the cross is marked on the forehead or back of the hand. The ashes signify our inner fragility and humanity, and the purifying power of God. The cross recalls our salvation in the mercy of God. This service will include Holy Communion as part of the worship experience. You need not be a member of Armstrong Chapel or of the United Methodist Church to participate in these acts of worship. Invite a friend.