

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—February 16, 2025



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from *Unfolding Light*

LEADER: Blessed are you who are depleted,
who have nothing,
for God will give you everything.

PEOPLE: **Fill our hearts, God.**

LEADER: Blessed are you who have no power in
this world,
for God has power in you.

PEOPLE: **Fill our lives, God.**

LEADER: Blessed are you who live by love alone,
for you will meet God.

PEOPLE: **Fill our thoughts, God.**

*HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

#185 UMH

When morning gilds the skies
my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day
when from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear
when this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
In heaven's eternal bliss
the loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th' eternal song
through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Translator: Robert S. Bridges & Edward Caswall
Music: *LAUDES DOMINI* Composer: Joseph Barnby (1868)

*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

Luke 6:17-23 (NRSVUE)

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

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²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

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

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
#2088 FWS

Lord I lift Your name on high;
Lord I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord I lift Your name on high.

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PRAYERS OF PEOPLE

Adapted from Thom Shuman

O God, You are our heart's Desire,
choosing grace over grudges,
providing, not withholding;
creating community, not standing far off.
You are our Friend and Servant,
cradling clenched fists in your scarred hands,
lighting us through the dark times of our lives.
You are the Breath of wonder,
blowing death's dust off our shoulders,
mending our brokenness with resurrection,
whispering words of peace into hearts full of anger.

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

Jeremiah 17:9-10 (The Message)

⁹⁻¹⁰ “The heart is hopelessly dark and deceitful,
a puzzle that no one can figure out.
But I, God, search the heart
and examine the mind.
I get to the heart of the human.
I get to the root of things.
I treat them as they really are,
not as they pretend to be.”

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

A God that Searches
Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

Sing with All the Saints in Glory
#702 UMH

Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we, awaking,
know the everlasting peace.

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O what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading,
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
there on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it;
Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Life eternal! heaven rejoices:
Jesus lives, who once was dead.
Join we now the deathless voices;
child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from the distant ages,
saints all longing for their heaven,
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,
all await the glory given.

Life eternal! O what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amidst earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal,
see that glowing firmament;
know, with thee, O God Immortal,
"Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

Text: William J. Irons (1873)
Composer: Ludwig van Beethoven (1824)
Arranger: Edward Hodges (1864)

*BLESSING

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock

Beloved, go today in the blessing of Christ, who calls
you, equips you, and accompanies you as you live out
God's justice and joy wherever you go!

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

Amen.

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist 9:40 – Victoria Rhodus

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are from the memorial service of
Mary Steier.*



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

**REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE**



**ONLINE
GIVING**



*Get a head start on reading the book for our Lenten
sermon series! Copies of The Message of Jesus are
available on the book cart at the Atrium entrance.*



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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!

visit...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



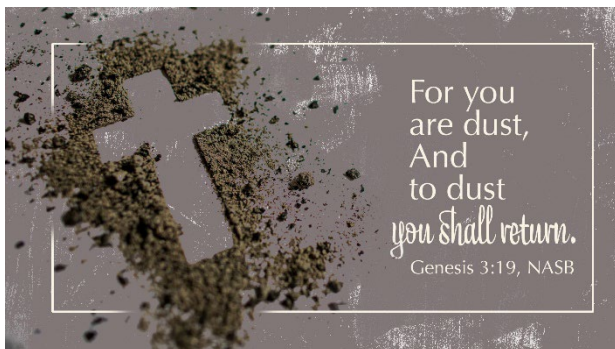
WOW! Have you heard? We have 150 kids
registered for Vacation Bible School already!

(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.



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.

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