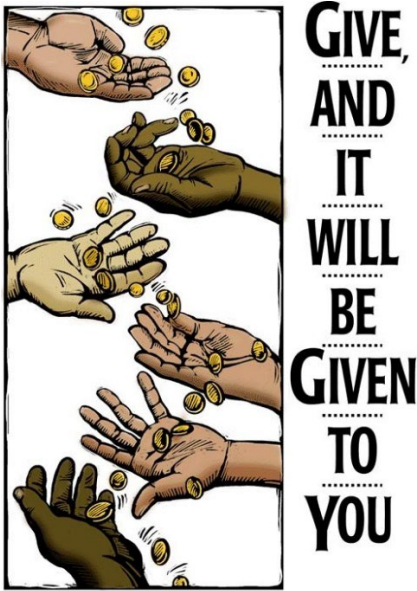


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Luke 6:38

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Author: William Williams (1745)

Translator: Peter Williams (1771)

Music: John Hughes (1907)

*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.
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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from *Psalms 37*

LEADER: Be still and know the Lord;
wait patiently for God.

PEOPLE: **All who wait for the Lord will enjoy
blessings.**

LEADER: Today we focus our hearts and minds
to take delight in the Lord.

PEOPLE: **God's goodness surrounds us!**

LEADER: God is our refuge in times of trouble.

PEOPLE: **Let us know the presence of God.**

*HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
#127 UMH

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 37: 7-9 (NIV)

⁷ Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for God;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret—it leads only to evil.

⁹ For those who are evil will be destroyed,
but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

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

I am Thine, O Lord

#419 UMH, Refrain Only

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To thy precious bleeding side.

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875
Music: William H. Doane, 1875

PRAYERS OF PEOPLE

Adapted from Center of Faith & Giving Disciples of Christ

God, we delight in you! In the midst of challenging times, when winter continues to surround us, remind us from the dawning of each day through the darkness of each night, you are ever-present. Thank you for this new day, for the opportunity we have to focus our hearts and minds on your goodness.

Help us not fret! We're eager to share the deepest thoughts of our minds, and the unspoken fears of our hearts.

Help us look beyond the limitations of our eyes, into the boundless wonder of your love, even as we lift our praise, for you are our refuge.

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 6:37-38 (NIV)

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

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

MESSAGE

Simple Advice

Rev. David W. Brown

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*HYMN

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace
#2171 FWS

Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Text: Prayer of St. Francis
Music: Sebastian Temple
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*BLESSING

May the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, as you go forth into the world, carrying the light of hope and the strength of His love in your hearts.

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

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist 8:20 – Greg Bailey
Liturgist 9:40 – Garth Wiley



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.



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

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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

LET'S LEARN!

Hospice care is evolving.

Do you, or someone you love,
have questions about it?

Sunday, March 2—11:00am Armstrong Room

Stephen Ministry will host a patient care manager from Queen City Hospice to share her insight about Hospice care with us.

Our Stephen Ministry is committed to bringing educational opportunities to the community about topics that aren't always pleasant to think about, but always a part of life. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, they're easy to find – they wear blue name badges at church on Sunday mornings, you can connect through the church website (see our tab under "ministries"), or straight through confidential email (stephenministry@armstrongchapel.org).

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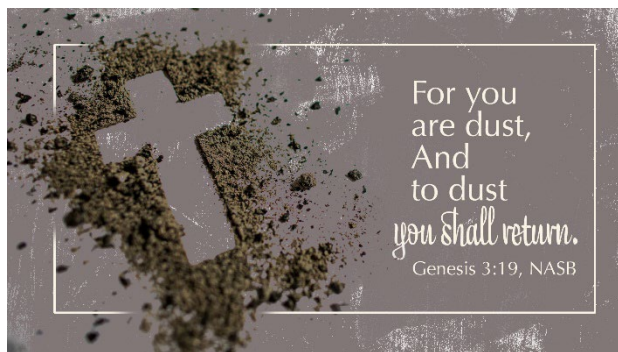


WOW! Have you heard? We have 150 kids registered for Vacation Bible School already!
(registration is waitlisted now)

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.

HANDBELL BEGINNER CLASS Celebration Ringers

Celebration Ringers, an opportunity to learn about handbell ringing, are extending their workshops for three more Sundays. You may sign up and participate on any of these dates: Sundays Feb 23, March 2 and March 9 from 4:30-5:30pm. We are open to all ages and hope that several family members will try something new in serving the Lord with music! Please call or Text Chester Imhausen at 513-633-6411 to register.



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