

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—March 2, 2025



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Nancy McClellan

LEADER: Today we worship, seeking spiritual and physical transformation.

PEOPLE: **What are we supposed to do?**

LEADER: God brings to us what we are supposed to do in the revealing of God's will. We have been given an example in Christ Jesus.

PEOPLE: **We belong to God and God is in us.**

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise
#103 UMH

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Author: Walter Chalmers Smith (1867)

Music: John Roberts, Welsh melody from Canaidau y Cyssegr, 1839

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 9:28-36 (NIV)

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

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

Shine, Jesus, Shine
#2173 FWS, refrain only

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire,
flow river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Music and Words: Graham Kendrick
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

By Ministry Matters

We all fall short of our call
as beloved children of God.
Yet, in hope and with boldness
we confess our sin together,
trusting that we will be heard in God's great mercy.

Holy Lord,
we confess that we do not always seek
the light of your way.

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We are satisfied to dwell in darkness,
holding fast to the comforts of material fortune.
We ignore the needs of others,
and selfishly look the other way
when our neighbors are oppressed.
In your merciful way,
help us to establish your equity in the world.
Move us to protect creation and ensure equality,
that all of our siblings
may have a share of your abundance
and the safety of your peace,
and that the light of your face
may shine upon all creation.

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.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Friends, hear the Good News!
The Lord answers prayers.
The Holy One forgives us of our sin.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

*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 LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:1-2 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

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

MESSAGE

Ministry of Mercy
Rev. David W. Brown

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is a sacrament in which we remember the life, death, resurrection, and continuing presence of Jesus Christ. You need not be a member at Armstrong Chapel or even of the United Methodist Church. We invite all who participate in the Lord's Supper to do so in the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise and thank you, Lord God,
for the majesty of your work,
the wisdom of your word,
and the generosity of your grace.
Let the gifts of our lives bear witness
to your goodness and mercy,
your faithfulness and justice,
and your steadfast love for all.

Jesus on the night he would be betrayed, gathered his disciples together in an upper room to celebrate the Passover feast: As he took the bread, he blessed it and gave it to them saying; "This is my body given for you." Also, in the meal he raised a cup, blessed it, and gave it to them saying; "Drink from this all of you, this is my blood shed for you."

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Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

As you have made known to us the mystery of your will, teach us to proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.

Teach us to pray night and day that we may see you face to face. Strengthen us in holiness, faithfulness, joy, and love, so that we may be ready at the coming of the Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The elements are gluten free for all to share. Receive a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. There are also gifts of communion in a sealed bag by the grand piano. Extend the Table of the Lord for all to dine.

*HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing
#664 UMH

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O now be extended

The fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the
tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us,
with your light now lead us;

unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf (1964)

Music: Welsh Tune; harm. By Leland Sateren (1972)

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Contemporary Worship 4: Hymns for Baptism and Holy Communion

*BLESSING

May the blessing of the Lord our God,
the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the power of the Holy Spirit
be with you now and forever.

Amen!

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Jane Florer

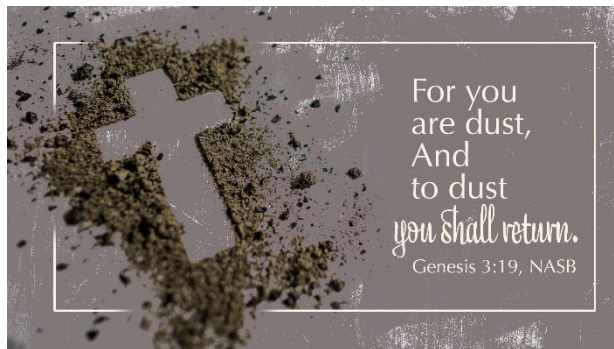


*Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium
following the 9:40am service!*

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



ONLINE
GIVING



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.

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Registration Open

SUPERCharge Event March 15

in the Worship Center

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

visit...armstrongchapel.org

LET'S LEARN!

Hospice care is evolving.

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

TODAY! — 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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MINISTRY.



Monthly Luncheon MARCH 12

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
National Exemplar
6880 Wooster Pike

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