

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—March 16, 2024



SECOND SUNDAY in LENT

Lent is the 40-day journey toward the cross and empty tomb. It marks a season of self-examination, repentance – a turning away from sin and establishing practices of righteousness and a commitment to the message of the cross. This year, we will be using the resource *“The Message of Jesus” by Adam Hamilton*. Copies of the book are available at the Atrium entrance area.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 119:1-2, 27, 29

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

People: **Happy are those who keep God’s decrees,
who seek God with their whole heart.**

Leader: Make us understand the way of your
precepts, O God, and we will meditate on
your wondrous works.

People: **Put false ways far from us, O God, and
graciously teach us your law.**

*HYMN

Seek Ye First

#405 UMH

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and ye shall find;
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe Jesus Christ brought God’s Kingdom
near,
calling all people to repent and believe the good
news.**

**We believe his death on the cross
exposes both the reality of human sin
and the depths of God’s selfless, sacrificial love.**

**We believe his resurrection
is God’s ultimate victory over sin, hate, evil, and
death.**

**We believe that through the Holy Spirit,
Jesus still calls us and all to repent
and believe the gospel,
yielding our hearts to God alone,
embodying in our lives
the justice, mercy, and love of God’s rule.**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-16 (NRSVUE)

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the
mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came
to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them,
saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be
comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the
earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive
mercy.

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⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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

SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN—9:40AM

HYMN

He is Exalted
#2070 FWS

He is exalted, the king is exalted on high;
I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!
He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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CONFESSONAL PRAYER

Because we are citizens of God’s righteous reign, Jesus calls on us to repent, that is, to turn toward God, take up our cross, and leave behind all that keep us from following Jesus. Let us acknowledge before God and this congregation our need for repentance:

God of glory, you sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ to die that we might have life: show us the ways we fail to answer your call. Keep us from being bound to possessions; from longing for outward approval; from listening to voices that distract us from your Word; from hesitating to love our old lives and take up your new life.

Our help comes from you, O Lord; keep us from all evil.

As we prepare to live as your disciples, hear us as we pray as you taught us to pray, 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.

ASSURANCE

God has saved us from sin,
bringing us into the kingdom of heaven,
in Christ we have redemption, the hope of eternal life.

*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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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.

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:21-23 (NRSVUE)

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you who behave lawlessly.’

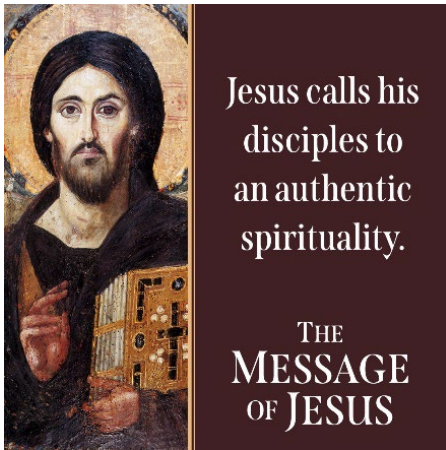
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Thanks Be to God.

MESSAGE

The World’s Most Important Sermon

Rev. David W. Brown



*HYMN

My Hope Is Built

#368 UMH

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

*On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne! (Refrain)

Text: Edward Mote (1834)
Music: William B. Bradbury (1863)

BENEDICTION

May the heavenly Father who makes the sun rise and the rain fall on all people, the Lord Jesus Christ who fulfills the Law and the Prophets, and the Holy Spirit who is at work to make us holy bless you and keep you, now and always. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Victoria Rhodus

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

Prelude

Wondrous Love

-arr Siebert

Offertory

Ah, Holy Jesus

-arr Austin



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

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



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GIVING



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 **CALLING ALL WOMEN**

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Invite a friend or family member
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AND LUNCHEON**
Starts at 11:00 am in the Worship Center
Followed by lunch in the Atrium

APRIL 5 DOORS OPEN
10:30 AM

RSVP by March 29 to Denise Scholtz dscholtz84@yahoo.com



Palm Sunday – April 13

8:20am in the Old Chapel

9:40am in the Sanctuary

10:30am in the Worship Center

Maundy Thursday – April 17

7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Good Friday – April 18

6:30pm at Gaines UMC in Madisonville

Easter Sunday – April 20

8:20am in the Old Chapel

9:40am in the Sanctuary

10:30am in the Worship Center



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