

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—April 6, 2025



FIFTH 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 (*just 2 left*).

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Philippians 2:5-11

- Leader: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave.
- People: **Being found in human likeness, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.**
- Leader: Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every name.
- People: **And at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend and every tongue confess: Jesus Christ is Lord!**

*HYMN

Come, Share the Lord
#2269 FWS

We gather here in Jesus' name
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one
Come take the bread, come drink the wine;
Come share the Lord

No one is a stranger here,
everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here He breaks the bread
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead
The One we love the most is now our gracious host
Come take the bread, come drink the wine;
Come share the Lord

We are now a family
of which the Lord is head;
though unseen he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait
Come take the bread, come drink the wine;
Come share the Lord.

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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.**

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SCRIPTURE

John 13:34-35 (NRSVUE)

³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

There's Something About That Name

#171 UMH

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!

There's just something about that name.

Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim;

Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,

but there's something about that name!

Words & Music Gloria & William Gaither

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CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from Faithward

Most merciful God,
whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way,
yet without sin was the perfect sacrifice;
we confess before you that we have sinned;
we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;
we have compromised with evil;
we have doubted your power to protect.
Forgive our lack of faith;
have mercy on our weakness.
Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in
your ways and delight in doing your will.

As we prepare to live as your disciples, hear us as we
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

In the Cross, we know God's amazing love for us.
Grace so abundant and freely given. Be restored in
the Way, Truth, and Life of Christ. You are forgiven
and redeemed! 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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GIVING

CHOIR—9:40AM

The Lamb

-Tavener

*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

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NRSVUE)

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on
to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was
betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had
given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body
that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In
the same way he took the cup also, after supper,
saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do
this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of God for the People of God.

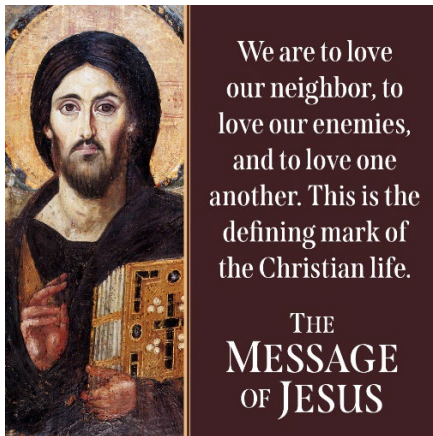
Thanks Be to God.

DO THIS IN
remembrance
OF ME. 1 CORINTHIANS
11:24

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MESSAGE

Final Words
Rev. David W. Brown



We come to you in prayer to say thank you, for when we're seeking beauty, you give us mountains and flowers, green eyes and brown eyes. When we're looking for reason to hope, you give us rainbows after the storm, and candles flickering in the night.

When we're seeking peace, and when we're seeking justice, your life and message reminds us that everyone is welcome at your Table, and none shall be turned away.

We also pray today for conviction. Do not let us get comfortable with half-hearted seeking. Do not let us grow numb to the suffering of this world. Make us relentless in our pursuit of justice—relentless in our consoling of the grieving, in our welcoming of the stranger, and in the feeding of the hungry.

Jesus as he prepared to leave his friends, gathered them at table in the upper room to keep the Passover feast. In that meal he lifted bread; blessed it, broke it, gave it to them saying: eat this bread for it is my body given for you.

Also, in that meal he lifted a cup; blessed it, gave it to them saying, "This cup is my blood of the new covenant given for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you eat and drink, remember me." And as we see and as we seek, pour out your Spirit on this ordinary bread and cup. May this meal be the nourishment we need to continue seeking and sharing you in the world.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Friends, if we are honest with ourselves and with God, we are all seeking something. Some of us long for a place to belong. Others seek permission to be who we are made to be.

Some of us are hungry for connection, hungry for justice, or hungry for a glimpse of the Divine.

No matter what it is your soul longs for, there is good news to be found here.

Friends, this is Christ's table.

We are the guests.

He is the host.

You need not be a member at Armstrong Chapel or even the United Methodist Church.

There is a place here with your name on it.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of the lost and the found,
for day after day we look for you,
yet we are surprised when we are found by you.
Your Spirit is revealed in many ways:
in the laughter of children,
in the sun rising over the horizon,
in the flowers of spring.

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

O How I Love Jesus
#170 UMH

There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear,
the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain:

*O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!*

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It tells me of a Savior's love,
who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood,
the sinner's perfect plea. [Refrain]

It tells of one whose loving heart
can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part
that none can bear below. [Refrain]

Text: Frederick Whitfield (1855)
Music: 19th cent. USA melody

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



ONLINE
GIVING



The Lamb

By John Tavener

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight
Softest clothing wooly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice!
Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee!
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek and he is mild
He became a little child:
I a child and thou a lamb.
We are called by his name:
Little Lamb, God bless thee.
Little Lamb, God bless thee.

BENEDICTION

May the God who sent the only Son to save the world,
Jesus Christ who intercedes for us, and the Holy Spirit
who raised Jesus from the dead and dwells in us bless
you and keep you, now and always. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Carol Ney
Liturgist at 9:40 – Beth Eberle



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



Rev. David Brown, Lead Pastor
Amy Voss, Director of Preschool
Rev. Elizabeth Brown, Congregational Care Pastor
Shanon Rice, Director of Digital Communications

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Lilies and spring flowers will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

You may purchase a plant in honor of or in memory of loved ones. \$25 per plant. You may take a plant home with you on Easter Sunday. Please return baskets to the church.

Online order form: <https://bit.ly/3dj6CXC>. Or send a check and a note to the church office. Orders need to be received by Monday, 4/14.



11:15am on Easter Sunday

Meet in the Atrium. Bring your basket!
Come for worship and stay for some Easter fun as we celebrate our risen savior and hold our annual children's egg hunt.



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

No Sunday School or Nursery so volunteers, workers, and children may attend services with their families.

Strong People Needed for the Handbell Choir

Armstrong Chapel Handbell Choir is looking for people with considerable upper body strength, to add in performance our largest handbells. These bells weigh anywhere from 4-7 lbs and while they don't ring as often as the small ones they add a nice foundation for each song. This spring could be ideal for you to try something new! Our rehearsals are each Thursday from 6:30-7:25pm. Our final performances for the spring are Sunday, April 27 and Sunday, May 18. Please contact Chester Imhausen, 513-633-6411 or cimhausen@gmail.com if you are interested in ringing with us!



Monthly
Luncheon

APRIL 9

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm



Women
UNITED

National Exemplar
6880 Wooster Pike

RSVP to Niki Mitchell
nmitchell@armstrongchapel.org



Armstrong
MEN
Disciplined Bold Brave Fearless

Craving
Breakfast and Fellowship?

Saturday

BREAKFAST

in the Armstrong Room

April 19

8:00 am - 9:30 am

