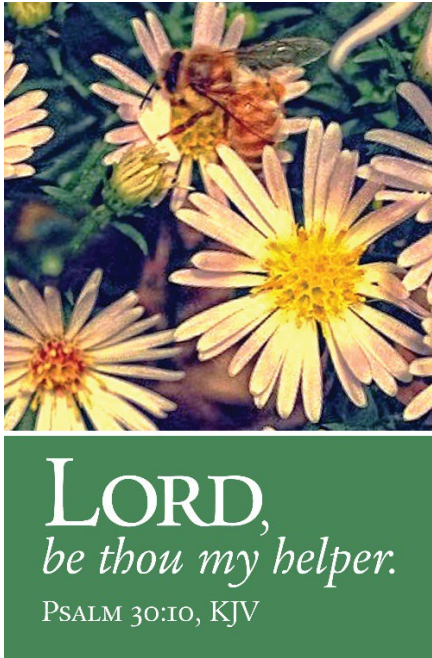


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PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 30

Leader: We glorify you, O Lord,
for you have lifted us up.

People: **O Lord, we cried out to you,
and you heard our sorrows.**

Leader: Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

People: **O God, you have turned our mourning
into dancing! Let us worship God!**

*HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia
#162 UMH

Refrain:

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed #881*
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.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 30:8-12 (NRSVUE)

⁸ To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:

⁹ "What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!"

¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,

¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

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

In the Garden
Refrain #314 UMH

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
and He tells me I am His own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known

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CONFESSONAL PRAYER

Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love—
love that seeks, love that suffers, love that overcomes
all things.

You call us, even command us, to show that love in
our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would
have us do.

We confess that the ways of love are not our ways.
We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and
reject.

Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love
so that we can love others. Help us to receive your
love so that we can love ourselves.

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

Risen from the dead,
Jesus Christ longs for us to know
life in all of its fullness,
offering us renewal and refreshment,
hope and forgiveness.
In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.
For the sake of Christ, we are 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!

HYMN

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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.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:1-6 (NRSVUE)

¹ Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder
against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high
priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at
Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to
the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound
to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and
approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven
flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard
a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you
persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The
reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." ⁶
But get up and enter the city, and you will be told
what you are to do."

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks Be to God.

MESSAGE

Following Blindly

Rev. David W. Brown

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Risen Christ is still among us. Calling us from
routine activities, sometimes blind confusion, into the
light of Christ.

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.

THE 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.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: You are our light in
darkness, our way in the world. When, like Saul, we
resist your sovereign voice, you come with blinding
insight, calling us to conversion.

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Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: The risen Christ still surprises us with His presence, inviting us to follow Him, to come and eat with Him; calling us to love Him and to feed the sheep of His flock.

Jesus met his friends on a beach following His resurrection, gathered them by the fire following an amazing catch of fish, where fish were already cooking. Jesus invited them to share with Him.

Just like at the upper room 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."

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast. 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. **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

Pass It On
#572 UMH

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love.
Once you've experienced it,
You spread His love to everyone. You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring,
When all the trees are budding;
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love
Once you experienced it;
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend This happiness that I've found.
You can depend on Him,
It matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop, (Praise God)
I want my world to know
The Lord of Love has come to me.
I want to pass it on.

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BENEDICTION

Adapted from Revelation 22:13

The blessing of the eternal, triune God—
Alpha and Omega,
first and last,
beginning and end—
be with you all. **Alleluia!**

To the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer we praise.
Alleluia!

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Mark Paluta

Liturgist at 9:40 – Rhonda Kinoshian



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

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All **CHURCH**
& *Braves* **Event**



REDS GAME *Outing*

Sunday
MAY 18
GREAT AMERICAN BALLPARK
Game starts at **1:40 P.M.**

TICKETS
\$40.00

Deadline to purchase tickets
Monday, May 12

Invite your family & friends to see the Reds win against the

CLEVELAND
Guardians

Sign Up at
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CLASS OF 2025

Armstrong Chapel wants to celebrate the hard work and amazing accomplishments of the graduating Class of 2025.

We will recognize graduates during Worship services on May 19. If you're graduating from high school, college, or beyond, fill out the form and let us know (even if you are unable to attend)!

<https://bit.ly/41WrQ5g>

DEADLINE = MONDAY, MAY 12!



Service of Praise & Patriotism

Featuring River's Edge Brass Band
Sunday, May 25 — 9:40am Worship
No Sunday School. There will be childcare for nursery through age 3.

147th Memorial Day Observance

Monday, May 26 — 10:30am
Old Armstrong Chapel (outside)



Outreach—IPM Summer Picnic

Volunteers needed on Monday, June 9
from 9:15am-12:15pm to grill and prepare
bagged picnic lunches.

Our mission partner Inter Parish Ministry (IPM) in the Eastgate area is once again celebrating summer with drive-thru picnics. Guests will be provided with a hot meal that includes a hot dog or hamburger, chips, cookie, and fruit.

Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/443si4v>



Women UNITED
Monthly Luncheon
MAY 14
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm



National Exemplar
6880 Wooster Pike
RSVP to Niki Mitchell
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Disciples Bold. Brave. Fearless.

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Breakfast and Fellowship?

Saturday
BREAKFAST
in the Armstrong Room
May 17
8:00 am - 9:30 am

