

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource — May 25, 2025 — 9:40am

Featuring River's Edge Brass Band



PRELUDE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Land of Freedom
Taps – Steve Monroe
America the Beautiful

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Written by Nancy Townley

Jay DeWitt

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

People: **May God's face shine upon us and bring us peace!**

Leader: Let all people praise you, O Lord.

People: **Let all people shout their joy to your holy name.**

Leader: God blesses us continually throughout all our lives.

People: **Thanks be to God, for God's eternal love and blessing. AMEN.**

*HYMN

The Battle Hymn of the Republic
#717 UMH, vs 1 3 & 5

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory
of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning
of his terrible swift sword;
his truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

3. He has sounded forth the trumpet
that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men
before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. [Refrain]

5. He is coming like the glory
of the morning on the wave,
he is wisdom to the mighty, he is honor to the brave;
so the world shall be his footstool,
and the soul of wrong his slave.
Our God is marching on. [Refrain]

Author: Julia Ward Howe (1861)

Music: USA campmeeting tune, 19th cent.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The World Methodist Social* Affirmation #886

We believe in God, creator of the world
and of all people;
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us,
who died and rose again;
and in the Holy Spirit,
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.
We believe; God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's Kingdom;
in the upholding of human dignity and community;
in every expression of love, justice and reconciliation;
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
in the abundance of God's gifts
entrusted to us that all may have enough;
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.
Glory be to God on high; and on earth, be peace.

We confess our sin, individual and collective,
by silence or action:
through the violation of human dignity
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;
through the exploitation of people
because of greed and indifference
through the misuse of power
in personal, communal, national,
and international life;
through the search for security
by those military and economic forces
that threaten human existence;
through the abuse of technology
which endangers the earth and all life upon it.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

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We commit ourselves individually and as a community
to the way of Christ: to take up the cross;
to seek abundant life for all humanity;
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,
praying that God's kingdom may come.

The kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

-Adopted by World Methodist Council 1986 In Kenya

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 67:1-2 (NIV)

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—

² so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Armed Forces Salute

*If you served in that branch, or have a family member in
that service branch, please stand when that service song
is played.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from writings by Nancy Townley

How magnificent the sight must be! The vision of John
proclaims a crystal river flowing from God's throne,
comforting light, peace and hope for all God's people.
Darkness is vanquished. Open our eyes and our hearts
to catch a glimpse of this vision. Help us to place our
trust in you, that we may faithfully serve you,
knowing what awaits our eyes in glory.

Lord, we can only imagine the scene painted for us in
Revelation in which we are given a glimpse of
eternity. The light of your love pours over all the land,
bathing it in healing warmth and hope. We have
gathered this day to celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ.
He said to the disciples "Do not let your hearts be
troubled. Do not be afraid". How many times we are
troubled and fearful. We feel hopeless in the face of
an uncertain future. Help us to place our trust in your
love. Open our hearts to see the wonder of your
eternity. Release us from our anger, loneliness, and
despair. Bring us to the realization that in your love
we may find peace and joy. For it is in the name of our
Savior, Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer.

Receive now the silent prayers of our hearts:
(Silent prayers)

We are Your people. 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.**

*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!

GIVING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

*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

Revelation 22:1-5 (NIV)

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of
life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God
and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street
of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of
life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit
every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the
healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any
curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in
the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will
see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵
There will be no more night. They will not need the
light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God
will give them light. And they will reign for ever and
ever.

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

MESSAGE

Glimpse of Heaven
Rev. David W. Brown

SPECIAL MUSIC

Band of Brothers

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BENEDICTION

from Nancy Townley

Beloved of God, go to be a blessing. Bring the good news of forgiveness and healing to this hurting, lonely world. Bring hope to all, for God's love is poured out for all God's people.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.
AMEN and AMEN.

*POSTLUDE

The National Emblem March

**Stand in body or in spirit*

The special music and flowers this morning are given by Elizabeth Hackman in memory of parents and grandparents.

Greeters — Barry Dixon and Victoria and Mark Rhodus

Congratulations to Eleanor Kapcar and Grant Ramey on their wedding yesterday. Flowers from their wedding are in the Atrium.



147th Memorial Day Observance

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

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



ONLINE
GIVING



With a goal of inspiring within his students: artistry, discipline, and a lifelong appreciation for music; Brian Zielinski started his career serving as the High School and Middle School Band Director in the Hoopeston Area School District in Hoopeston, IL. While at Hoopeston, Mr. Zielinski revitalized the post-pandemic band program through engaging rehearsals, diverse programming, and a strong commitment to student success in and through performance. Under his leadership, the Hoopeston Area Band Program maintained a one hundred percent retention rate from middle to high school, expanded performance opportunities, and further developed their competitive marching band program.

Beyond the classroom, Brian is an active conductor and clinician, regularly leading sectionals, adjudicating competitions, and mentoring young musicians. He has served as a clarinet technician for multiple competitive high school marching band programs and has worked closely with the Unit 5 Schools in Normal, IL.

His passion for conducting has led him to participate in workshops with leading educators in an effort to further refine his technique and deepen his understanding of ensemble leadership from the podium. Currently, Brian serves as the Associate Conductor for the Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble and the River's Edge Brass Band both under the direction of Dr. Kevin Holzman.



Brian earned degrees in Music Education and Clarinet Performance from Illinois State University. He currently is pursuing his master's degree from the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music where he holds a Graduate Assistantship within the Wind Studies Department.



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Faith Centered Gardening

To nurture a garden feeds the body and the soul!

We have a raised garden bed in our church backyard. Our vision is to seed a new food ministry where we provide fresh produce to Inter Parish Ministry (one of our mission partners) while also creating a beautiful green space for our congregation to enjoy.

We are looking for those that want to help us meet the food needs in our community:

- Watering & Weeding – once each week – we will have a soaker hose with a timer set to water the garden every other day. This volunteer will check to ensure the hose is working, add water if needed, and weed if needed.
- Harvesting & Delivery to IPM – once each week – when the time comes (around early July) this volunteer will harvest and deliver produce to IPM (4623 Aicholtz Rd, 45244)

SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER: bit.ly/4jVL02N DATES LISTED ARE FOR THE "WEEK OF" – YOU DON'T NEED TO DO IT ON SUNDAY. Questions? Connect with Maureen Smith at 513-316-1205.



Outreach—

IPM Summer Picnic

Volunteers needed on Monday, June 9
from 9:15am-12:15pm at IPM 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>

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.



Visit: armstrongchapel.org/men/ for complete details and registration link.

