

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—June 15, 2025



PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Inspired by Proverbs 8

Leader: Are you ready to take the field of life?

People: **"To you, O people, God calls out;"**

Leader: From the dugout, to the batter's box,
the home team is set to play the game of
life.

People: **"Choose God's instruction instead of silver,
knowledge rather than choice gold, for
wisdom is more precious than rubies, and
nothing you desire can compare with it."**

Leader: "For those who find God find life
and receive favor from the Lord."

People: **The cry goes out "Play ball!"
Let us worship the God of all creation.**

*HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King
#61 UMH

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

Text: Anonymous

Music: Felice de Giardini (1769)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Modern Affirmation #885*

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the
one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy
faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Creator,
Infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
Whose mercy is over all God's works,
And whose will is ever directed to good.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of Humanity,
The gift of the Creator's unfailing grace,
The ground of our hope,
And the promise of our deliverance
from sin and death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit
As the divine presence in our lives,
Whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
Of the truth of Christ,
And find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself
In the service of love
As set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
To the end
that the kingdom of God
may come upon the earth. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:1-5 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through
faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by
faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we
boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so,
but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know
that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance,
character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not
put us to shame, because God's love has been poured
out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has
been given to us.

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

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SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN—9:40AM

HYMN

How Great Thou Art
#77 UMH, refrain only

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
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PASTORAL PRAYER

Adapted by a prayer written by Bob Kauflin

Our Father in heaven, on this day when fathers are being remembered and honored throughout the world, we honor You, the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”
(1 John 3:1, ESV)

How amazing. We acknowledge that apart from Jesus Christ, we could only fall back in fear at the thought of approaching a God so holy, righteous, and just. But your Word says we did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” (Romans 8:15)

Because the sinless Savior died, our sinful souls are counted free. Our debt has been paid. We are no longer your enemies, but dearly loved children. Enable all those who have trusted in the atoning death and bodily resurrection of Jesus to live in the good of that reality.

Father, we thank you for the fathers among us: soon to be fathers, young fathers, middle age fathers, old fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers, and those who would be spiritual fathers to many of us. Thank you for their sacrifices and their desire to reflect your heart. Make them aware of the privilege, gift, and responsibility of fatherhood. Cause us not to provoke our children to anger, but to lead them in your gracious discipline and instruction. Fill those who are weary with fresh strength for the task. May we know your Spirit’s power in our weakness.

For those who don’t have good memories of their fathers we pray they would be strengthened with power through your Spirit in their inner being, so that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith—that they would know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. We pray for patience to understand, mercy to forgive, and courage to stand fast in the truth of the gospel.

For those who have never known their father, may they be more aware than ever that you are the ‘Father of the fatherless’ and that nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jesus, thank you that you assured us of our heavenly Father’s care when you said, *“Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”* (Matthew 6:26).

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!

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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

John 16:12-13 (Amplified Bible)

¹² “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ But when, the Spirit of Truth, comes, the Spirit will guide you into all the truth. For the Spirit will not speak on His own initiative, but He will speak whatever He hears from the Father—the message regarding the Son, and He will disclose to you what is to come.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks Be to God.

MESSAGE

The Game Plan
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

Adapted from Numbers 6:23-27

Hank Aaron stated that he needed to depend on someone bigger, stronger, and wiser than himself, recognizing God as his strength. He believed that faith in Christ provided a sense of hope and assurance, especially during challenging times. Now these words from another famous “Aaron”:

²³ “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying; Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
²⁶ the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

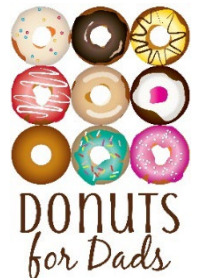
²⁷ “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.” Amen.

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton
Liturgist at 9:40 – Victoria Rhodus

*Celebrate dad or another special man in your life with a donut during **Coffee Fellowship!** 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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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.



It's almost time for this year's VBS – Volunteers are needed now through 7/12 to get everything ready!

We have over 150 wonderful kids signed up and want to ensure they have a wonderful experience here at Armstrong Chapel. Part of that is creating a fun, inviting space – a trip to Alaska! That's where you come in! We need your help to create and setup for this fantastic week. Take a look at the slots available to come in and help with VBS prep and see where you can plug in. There is a space for everyone – from collating needed materials to painting and crafting set design! *Thanks in advance for your help in bringing a wonderful experience to the kids in our community!*



<https://bit.ly/43vDrdG> You do not need to stay the entire time slot – come when you are available. Meet in the Children's Center.

REGISTRATION OPEN

Get ready to tee off at our annual Golf Scramble!

6th Annual

Golf SCRAMBLE

Male, female, and coed foursomes welcome!

Share in a day of friendly competition on the greens as we raise funds for Inter Parish Ministry, Freestore Foodbank, and the Madisonville Braves



Scan to Register

HAMILTON ELKS GOLF CLUB
Lunch Provided

FRIDAY JULY 11 SHOTGUN START
9:00 AM

You can also register at our website:
ARMSTRONGCHAPEL.ORG Armstrong **MEN**

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



for IPM Food Pantry
Due Sunday, July 27

Our mission partner, Inter Parish Ministry, is collecting essential supplies to fill 500 backpacks for local students from pre-K through high school. Your continued support makes a real difference in the lives of the children and families served by IPM. This year, we are specifically to provide:

- Folders
- Composition Notebooks
- Highlighters

[any school supplies are welcome]

Armstrong **MEN** Craving Breakfast and Fellowship?

Saturday BREAKFAST
in the Armstrong Room



June 21
8:00 - 9:30 am