

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

by Sally Ann McKinsey

Leader: When we long for your presence,

you are there with us, O source of comfort.

People: When we face dangers and perils,

you are there for us, O source of strength.

Leader: When we need to do justice,

you are there for us, O source of courage.

People: So we come with songs and praises,

that all may know of your love.

Let us praise God!

*HYMN

It is Well with My Soul #377 UMH

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

(Refrain)

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
(Refrain)

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.

(Refrain)

Text: Horatio G. Spafford (1873) Music: Philip P. Bliss (1876)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

#888

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.

Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 42:1-5 (NIV)

¹ As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? ³ My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" ⁴ These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.

⁵ Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

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

HYMNNothing Between
#373 UMH, refrain only

Nothing between my soul and my Savior, so that his blessed face may be seen; Nothing preventing the least of his favor; keep the way clear! Let nothing between.

Words & Music Charles Albert Yindley (1906)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Adapted by a prayer written by Bob Kauflin

Holy God, there is much that tries to separate us from you and one another. Creed and color, gender and nation, class and culture call for our fragmentation, but you call us to live together in your grace. You call us your children. You call us beloved. Today, let the refrain: "There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:29) guide us with every step.

Loving and holy God, we confess that we hold tightly to our pride and resist your transforming grace. You offer us freedom and a welcome place in your family, yet we struggle, trying to earn what you have already given. We cling to our old ways of doing and thinking. You call us your beloved children. Help us hear and claim our new identity. Free us from the bonds of limited imagination and empower us to thrive in your life of faith and grace.

Hear now the silent prayers of our hearts: (Silence)

Faith has come, and we are free.
Receive forgiveness today. Offer grace today!
Become the inheritance promised to Abraham and all through Christ our Lord, who 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.

*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.

SCRIPTURE

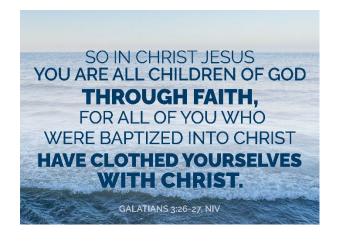
Galatians 3:26-29 (NIV)

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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MESSAGE

A Designer Outfit Rev. David W. Brown



*HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me #361 UMH

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady (1776) Music: Thomas Hastings (1830)

BENEDICTION

Discipleship Ministries UMC

Children of God, there is nothing to keep you from loving God and loving your neighbor. You are beloved, and you belong to Christ. You are claimed by God's love, redeemed by Christ's life, and set free to serve in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

*Stand in body or in spirit

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton Liturgist at 9:40 – Jay DeWitt Greeters at 9:40 – Barry Dixon and Martha and Gary Steier Special Music at 9:40 – Zach Felts



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







Finding your way in a world gone wild.

We have Jesus—our true north! Vacation Bible School kick-off

Sunday, July 13

Combined Worship at 10am in the Worship Center (8:20am service in the Old Chapel as scheduled)

Take an Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers.

As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus,

True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!



Rev. David Brown, Lead Pastor **Rev. Elizabeth Brown,** Congregational Care Pastor

Amy Voss, Director of Preschool
Shanon Rice, Director of Digital Communications

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

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.



9:00 AM

Armstrong MEN

Visit: armstrongchapel.org/men/

for complete details and registration link.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES OF IPM Food Pantry

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]

Faith Centered Gardening

To nurture a garden feeds the body and the soul!

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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.

