

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—July 6, 2025



PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 30

Leader: We praise you, O God, for you have lifted us up.

People: **We cried to you for help, and you answered our cry.**

Leader: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

People: **You have turned our sorrow into dancing.**

Leader: You have blessed us with joy.

People: **We thank you. We praise you!
We worship you!**

*HYMN

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

#301 UMH

Jesus, keep me near the cross;
there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream,
flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain:

*In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me. (Refrain)
Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me. (Refrain)

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river. (Refrain).

Text: Fanny J. Crosby (1869)
Music: William H. Doane (1869)

*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

Luke 4:20-30 (NRSVUE)

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his

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mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” ²³ He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’ ” ²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

Make Us One
#2224 FWS

Make us one, Lord, make us one;
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know
we are one in you.

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CONFESSIOAL PRAYER

God of grace, we confess
we are in need of healing.

Immerse us in your grace.

We are in need of forgiveness.

Immerse us in your grace.

We are in need of the faith to heal and to bless.

Immerse us in your grace.

Heal our hearts, forgive our sin,
and empower us to live the fullness of your love,
in the spirit of Christ.

Immerse us in your grace.

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

Jesus Christ restores our life

Jesus Christ restores our hope.

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!

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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

2 Kings 5:1-14 (NRSVUE)

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. ³ She said to her mistress, “If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease.” ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵ And the king of Aram said, “Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.”

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He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments.⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease."⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease!"¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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

MESSAGE

So We May Know there is a Prophet
Rev. David W. Brown



INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Table of the Lord is set for all. Come and feast in the Savior's love. All are invited to confess, be forgiven, live as redeemed.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your heart.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

Infinite Love, we thank you.

You create us; you claim us; you accompany us.

Though we are broken you heal us.

When we betray your love you forgive us;

when we are lost you seek after us.

You give us Jesus, and call us to join him

in the work of the healing of the world.

You invite us to His table, and so we come,
singing your praise with all creation.

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are all who come in your name, and blessed is Jesus, your Christ. He healed the sick and cast out evil and He proclaimed the Reign of your Grace.

As His hour of death drew near, he gathered those He loved, He blessed bread and said: "This is my body given for you." He took the cup and blessed it And gave it to them saying; "This is my blood shed for you." As long as we break this bread and share this cup we remember His death and resurrection, until He comes again.

Therefore, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a living and holy sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is Risen,
Christ will come Again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ. Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ, healed by your grace, reconciled with you and one another, and sent into the world to heal, to bless, to cast out the powers of evil and injustice, and to enact your Realm of Love, in the name of Christ, for the healing of the world.

Amen.

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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

Marching to Zion
#733 UMH

Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain:

*We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.*

Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King,
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad,
may speak their joys abroad. (Refrain)

The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets. (Refrain)

Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high. (Refrain)

Text: Isaac Watts (1707)
& Music: Robert Lowry (1867)

BENEDICTION

Adapted from Ephesians 1:22-23

Holy One in Three,
You send us in the Spirit's power.
You give us strength to take the journey on,
to go and serve and heal and to proclaim
this Realm of Love in Jesus' name.

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

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Shelley Bamberger

*Greeters at 9:40 – Brenda Walker, Wease and Joe
Rhodenbaugh*



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

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Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—June 29, 2025

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.



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!



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]

A poster for a "Monthly Luncheon" on "JULY 9" from "12:30 pm - 1:30 pm". The background is pink with white flowers and greenery. In the center is a white plate with a fork on the left and a knife on the right. On the plate, the text "Women UNITED" is at the top, followed by "Monthly Luncheon" in a script font, "JULY 9" in large bold letters, and "12:30 pm - 1:30 pm" in a script font. Below the plate, it says "National Exemplar" and "6880 Wooster Pike". At the bottom right, it says "RSVP to Niki Mitchell" and "nmitchell@armstrongchapel.org".

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National Exemplar

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A poster for "TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES". It features a large orange circle on the left and a blue circle on the right. The text "TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES" is at the top in large blue letters. Below it, in smaller orange letters, is "WE HAVE A NEW VOLUNTEER TUTORING RELATIONSHIP AVAILABLE WITH MILFORD FIRST UMC. THIS COMING SCHOOL YEAR". The main title "2025-2026 WONDERKIDS" is in large blue letters. Below that, in blue letters, is "READING COACHES NEEDED". The schedule "Tuesdays 4:00 pm - 6:25 pm or Wednesdays 3:15 pm - 5:45 pm" is listed. Below the schedule, it says "TRAINING COMING THIS JULY AND AUGUST". A "SIGN-UP today" button is in the bottom left, with a QR code next to it. The text "SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE" is below the button. In the bottom right, it says "Make a difference in a child's life" and "FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT REBEKAH TRAVIS RTRAVIS@ARMSTRONGCHAPEL.ORG".

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