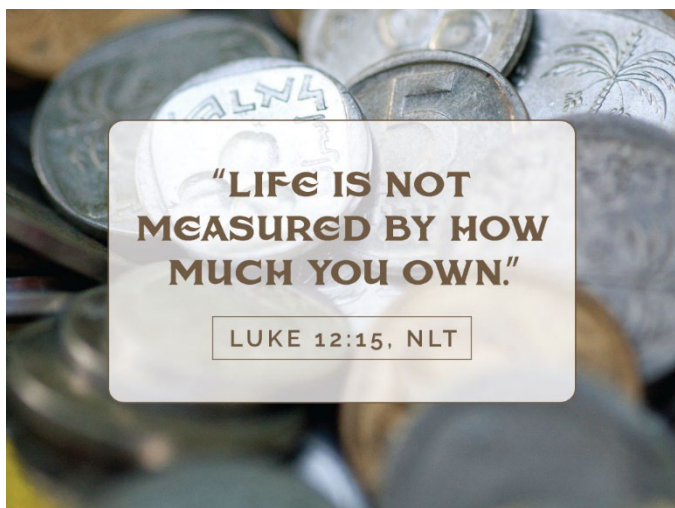


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**"LIFE IS NOT
MEASURED BY HOW
MUCH YOU OWN."**

LUKE 12:15, NLT

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Unfolding Light

Leader: Generous God, you give us abundant life.

All: We thank you. We praise you.

Leader: Gentle Christ, you heal us in mercy and grace.

All: We love you. We serve you.

Leader: Holy Spirit, you breathe your song of beauty in us.

**All: We open ourselves to you.
We cry, Alleluia!**

*HYMN

God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us

#100 UMH, Vs 1, 3, 5

1: God, whose love is reigning o'er us,
source of all, the ending true;
hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you:
Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.

3: Holy God of ancient glory,
choosing man and woman, too;
Abram's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound
to you. Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.

5: Lift we then our human voices in the songs that
faith would bring; live we then in human choices—lives
that, like our music, sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love
our praises ring! (Refrain)

Text: William Boyd Grove (1980)

Music: Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee
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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 107:1-9 (NRSVUE)

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

² Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those God redeemed from trouble

³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;

⁵ hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

⁶ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and God delivered them from their distress;

⁷ God led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.

⁸ Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love,
for the wonderful works to humankind.

⁹ For God satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry God fills with good things.

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

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HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness
UMH #140 Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Words Thomas O Chisholm (1923)
Music: William M. Runyan (1923)
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CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

from Unfolding Light

God of grace, you have raised us to new life.
We call to mind those times you have clothed us in
the new self, and we give thanks.
[Silent reflection...]

We call to mind those times when we have fallen into
the old life, and we seek your grace.
Heal us, God, forgive us, and continue to renew us in
the image of Christ.
[Silent reflection...]

Most Holy God, by the grace we know in Christ,
you proclaim our sins are forgiven.
We have died, and our life is hidden in Christ.
When Christ, who is our life, is revealed,
then your glory will be known.

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

O loving Spirit, live in me.
Forgive my sin and set me free.
Give me new birth, life from above,
that I may live in your deep love. 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

Luke 12:13-21 (NRSVUE)

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."
¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

MESSAGE

Dividing Family Inheritance
Rev. David W. Brown

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Table of the Lord is set for all. You need not be a member at Armstrong Chapel or of The United Methodist Church. This is the Lord's Table so all are welcome to receive the reminders of God's love.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

from Unfolding Light

God is with you.

And also with you.

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.

We thank you, God, for you create us in your image.
You claim us, and you are faithful to us. You are
abundantly generous to us. You have raised us up to
new life in Christ. We thank you and with all creation
we sing your praise.

**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, the Christ. He taught and healed; he fed the
hungry and restored the outcast. He showed us the
wonders of your grace. He gave himself completely,
dying for mercy and justice. But God raised him from
the dead, and still he calls us to life.

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:

Dying, Christ destroyed our death.

Rising, Christ restores our life.

Christ will come again in glory.

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, clothed in new life, vessels
of your love, generous with our lives and rich toward
you, for the sake of the wholeness of the world,
in the name and the Spirit of Christ. **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

Nothing Between
#373 UMH

Nothing between my soul and my Savior,
naught of this world's delusive dream;
I have renounced all sinful pleasure;
Jesus is mine, there's nothing between.

Refrain:

*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.*

Nothing between, like worldly pleasure;
habits of life, though harmless they seem,
must not my heart from him ever sever;
he is my all, there's nothing between. (Refrain)

Nothing between, like pride or station;
self or friends shall not intervene;
though it may cost me much tribulation,
I am resolved, there's nothing between. (Refrain)

Nothing between, e'en many hard trials,
though the whole world against me convene;
watching with prayer and much self-denial,
I'll triumph at last, there's nothing between. (Refrain)

Text & Music: Charles Albert Tindley (ca. 1906)

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BENEDICTION

Adapted from *More Like You* #2167 FWS

Jesus make us more like you,
touch our lips with holy fire
and make us more like you.
Fill our hearts with your desire
to make us more like you.

To the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer we pray.
Amen!

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Shelley Bamberger

Special Music at 9:40 – Kim Brotherton



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

**REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE**



**ONLINE
GIVING**



To nurture a garden feeds the body and soul.

FAITH-CENTERED GARDENING & IPM FOOD MINISTRY

Produce from the raised garden bed behind the church goes to support our mission partner, Inter Parish Ministry. Since July 1, with God's grace and the dedication of our volunteers, we've harvested:

- Over 120 cucumbers
- 4 gallons of tomatoes

A special thanks goes to Rachel Ney (pictured with her aide), whose passion and commitment to the ministry inspire us all. Rachel has been instrumental in getting us to dream bigger and give more. Her heart for serving others through fresh food is a gift to Armstrong and our community. Rachel wants to grow the mission further, and we invite you to be a part of it!



IF YOU HAVE EXTRA PRODUCE FROM YOUR OWN GARDEN, PLEASE BRING IT TO THE CHURCH AND PLACE IT IN THE CRATES LABELED "IPM" IN BETWEEN THE ATRIUM ENTRANCE DOORS. TOGETHER, LET US SOW SEEDS OF KINDNESS AND NOURISH IN BODY AND SPIRIT.



Sunday, August 24
We'll have just one
service at 9:40am
in the Sanctuary!

Let's worship together
and enjoy a special
Coffee Fellowship time.



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COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP



Thanks to everyone who has stepped up to help with Coffee Fellowship following the 9:40am worship service during Lynne's treatment. The choir, several women's and men's bible studies, book clubs, the Mitchells (3rd Sunday), and many individuals have contributed during the summer months. As we think ahead to the fall/winter months, we are looking for volunteers to host a week or two. Tablecloths, napkins, and silverware will be provided. Xavier is always here to assist in the kitchen and with coffee and water. Generally, 6 to 8 food items have been plenty. If you are interested in volunteering to organize a Sunday morning with friends or another family, please contact Denise Scholtz at dscholtz84@yahoo.com.

Thanks so very much for considering helping with this ministry near and dear to Lynne's heart.

Ladies Summer Gathering Sunday, August 10 at Noon Cincinnati Art Museum's Genesis Exhibit

All women are invited to the Latte Ladies' Summer Gathering at the Cincinnati Art Museum. Let's kick off the day with some coffee, treats, and good company in the Atrium after the 9:40am service before heading to the museum together. We will be carpooling from the church – meet in the Atrium at 11:30am to depart or join us directly at the museum at noon. General admission, the Genesis exhibition, and parking are all complimentary at the Art Museum.

Looking forward to a delightful day of art, faith, fun, and fellowship! For more information, please contact Victoria at (513) 379-5187 or at vrhodus@gmail.com.

RSVP at bit.ly/44Tt97R.



ArmstrongKids

We'll kick-off our new Sunday School year on September 14!

Summer Sunday School programming continues through Labor Day weekend. New 7th Graders — watch for Youth info soon!

It's BIBLE SUNDAY too!

We are looking forward to sharing the Word of God with your child this year! On Sunday, September 14, we will present age-appropriate Bibles to our **3 year olds and 3rd graders** during the 9:40am & 10:30am worship service. Families have received an email to RSVP by 9/3. Or visit: bit.ly/40yow0h.



Madisonville Braves Celebration Party Volunteers Needed

The Armstrong Men are hosting their annual party to celebrate the end of a successful season for the boys and girls of the Madisonville Braves (baseball and softball teams for kids 4-14).

Would you like to help set up, cook, serve, or clean up at the picnic?

We'll be celebrating at the Lunken Playfield Picnic Shelter on **Sunday, August 17 from 1-5pm**. VOLUNTEERING BEGINS AT 11AM.

Sign up here: bit.ly/3IEEP5E

ArmstrongMEN
Disciples! Bold. Brave. Fearless.



Wednesdays at 7:00pm
in the Armstrong Room
Introduction Meeting – September 10
Class begins September 17
(through the beginning of May)
Led by Kent Smith

Disciple: Into the Word Into the World is the second study in the four-phase Disciple program. This study proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible study skills that take participants deeper into the Scripture. *Disciple: Into the Word Into the World* approaches all experiences of life as opportunities for faithful witness and service. Participants will each need to order a study manual and have a study Bible.

If you have questions about the Disciple program, please reach out to Kent at 513-476-7227. Register at bit.ly/4o9IA37.

TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES

WE HAVE A NEW VOLUNTEER TUTORING RELATIONSHIP AVAILABLE WITH **MILFORD FIRST UMC**.

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or Wednesdays 3:15 pm - 5:45 pm

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