

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts

Leader: The Mighty One has delivered our souls

from death.

People: In God our hearts are glad!

Leader: The Mighty One is our help and shield.

People: In God our hearts are glad!

Leader: Let us worship the one in whom we trust.

People: Let us worship the one in whom we hope!

*HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory #577 UMH

God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1930) Music: John Hughes (1907)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

#889

Leader: There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all,

to whom we testify.

People: This saying is sure and worthy of full

acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the

world, taken up in glory.

Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel.

Amen.

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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 1:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶ Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong.

¹⁷ Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.

Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

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

Into My Heart #2160, vs 1 FWS

Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus; come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Words & Music Harry D. Clarke

PASTORAL PRAYER

Discipleship Ministries UMC

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we pray for the fulfillment of God's promise, saying: In faith we pray, **O God, we seek your grace.**

We pray for the church ...

Help us to proclaim the mystery of faith, our conviction in the gospel of Christ and our assurance of new life in him.

In faith we pray, O God, we seek your grace.

We pray for the world ...

Be the help and shield of those who suffer in famine or warfare. Let your steadfast love be upon us all. In faith we pray, **O God, we seek your grace.**

We pray for this community ...

Teach us to do good, seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the helpless, and plead for those who are forsaken.

In faith we pray, O God, we seek your grace.

We pray for loved ones ...

Watch over them with your loving eye to deliver them from trouble, to heal body and soul so that our hearts may rejoice in you.

In faith we pray, O God, we seek your grace.

Strengthen us to run the race that is before us, laying aside the heavy burdens of sin and death and following the pioneer and perfecter of our faith:

Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen 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!

HYMN

Into My Heart #2160, vs 2 FWS

Out of my heart, out of my heart, Shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus; Shine out today, shine out alway; Shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.

Words & Music Harry D. Clarke

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 12:32-34 (NIV)

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

MESSAGE

Treasurers that Never Fail
Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

A Charge to Keep I Have #413 UMH

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify, a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

Arm me with jealous care, as in thy sight to live, and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!

Help me to watch and pray, and on thyself rely, assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.

Text: Charles Wesley (1762) Music: Lowell Mason (1832)

BENEDICTION

Luke 10:27

Go in peace to love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

*Stand in body or in spirit

Liturgist at 8:20 – Greg Bailie Liturgist at 9:40 – Jane Florer Special Music at 9:40 – Grace Calahan Greeters at 9:40 – Charlene Pfingstag Lewis and Sondra and Jim Hunt



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





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 BARDEN, PLEASE BRING IT TO THE CHURCH AND PLACE IT IN THE CRATES LABELED "IPM" IN BETWEEN THE ATRIUM ENTRANCE DOORS. TOBETHER, LET US SOW SEEDS OF KINDNESS AND NOURISH IN BODY AND SPIRIT.





Rev. David Brown, Lead Pastor Rev. Elizabeth Brown, Congregational Care Pastor **Amy Voss,** Director of Preschool **Shanon Rice,** Director of Digital Communications



Thanks again to all who continue to help with Coffee Fellowship on Sundays. The following dates are needed to be filled – grab some friends and take charge of the coffee hour together:

- September 7
- September 14
- September 28
- October 5

If you are interested in volunteering to organize a Sunday morning with friends or another family, please contact Denise Scholtz at dscholtz84@yahoo.com.

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.

For more information, please contact Victoria at (513) 379-5187 or at vrhodus@gmail.com.

RSVP at bit.ly/44Tt97R.



Summer Sunday School programming continues through Labor Day weekend.

New 7th Graders — watch for Youth info soon!

It's BIBLE SUNDAY too!

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**. <u>VOLUNTEERING BEGINS AT 11AM</u>. Sign up here: bit.ly/3IEEP5E





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 World 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.

