

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—August 24, 2025



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

Revelation 21:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ God said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry
#2051 FWS, vs 1

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

Words & Music John Ylvisaker
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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from a writing inspired by Isaiah 12:1-6

Almighty God, you are our salvation. In you alone can
we trust and not be afraid. You are to be praised!

Lord we confess that you are our strength and our
song. Without you we could do nothing. Without you
our souls would be empty and in despair.

Hear the silent confessions of our hearts... (Silence)

Lord, grant your Spirit to come this morning and
remind us of the joy of our salvation. Turn us in faith
to thanksgiving. Help us sing for joy for you have
promised us that you will be in our midst as we have
gathered to hear from you. Hear the petitions of our
hearts... (Silence)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jay DeWitt

Adapted from John 4 & Revelation 21

Leader: Are you thirsty?

People: We are parched, and this journey is long.

Leader: Come into God's presence and never thirst
again.

People: God is the source of living waters.

Leader: Come, let us journey toward the spring of
living waters.

**People: Come and fill us up God, so that we may
never thirst again.**

*HYMN

Fill My Cup, Lord
#641 UMH

Fill my cup, Lord; I lift it up Lord;
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more.
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

Text & Composer: Richard Blanchard (1959)
© 1959 Sacred Songs

*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;**

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Now in the work of your Spirit, unite your church to be an agent of change and hope.
We ask these things in the name of your Son,
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

John 4:4-52 (NIV)

⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

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²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

³³ Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

³⁴ “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

⁴³ After the two days he left for Galilee. ⁴⁴ (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) ⁴⁵ When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there.

⁴⁶ Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

⁴⁸ “Unless you people see signs and wonders,” Jesus told him, “you will never believe.”

⁴⁹ The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

⁵⁰ “Go,” Jesus replied, “your son will live.”

The man took Jesus at his word and departed. ⁵¹ While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. ⁵² When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, “Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him.”

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MESSAGE

The Change

Rev. Becky Schofield Motter

Executive Director of the Wesley Foundation in Cincinnati

*HYMN

I Need Thee Every Hour

#397 UMH

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee;

every hour I need thee;

O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

(Refrain)

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide, or life is vain. (Refrain)

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;
and thy rich promises in me fulfill. (Refrain)

I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. (Refrain)

Text: Annie S. Hawks (1872)

Composer: Robert Lowry (1873)

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BENEDICTION

by Nancy C. Townley

Bring hope and healing to all whom you meet.
Share the living waters of Christ to a thirsty world.
Go in peace and may God's peace go with you. AMEN.



Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium following the service!

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Special Music – Grace Wynn

Greeters at 9:40 – Barry Dixon and Mark and Victoria Rhodus

**REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE**



**ONLINE
GIVING**



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



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.



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.