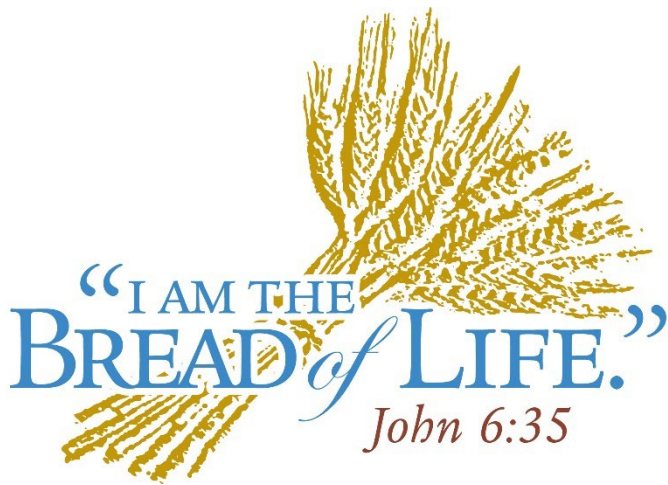


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PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

By Unfolding Light

Leader: Creator God, we praise you!

People: We thank you and we worship you.

Leader: God, you search us and know us;
you are all about us, within and among us.

People: Your presence is everywhere; help us to be aware.

Leader: Come be with us now, God, and help us in
our worship.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by
your grace. Alleluia!**

*HYMN

Take Up Thy Cross
UMH #415

"Take up thy cross," the Savior said,
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me."

Take up thy cross, let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Words: Charles W. Everest (1833)
Music: William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

inspired by Ephesians 4, written By Mary J. Scifres

Leader: There is one Lord, one calling, to which we
are called.

People: The hope in our lives is Jesus.

Leader: There is one hope, one grace, in which we
share.

People: The grace we receive is Christ.

Leader: There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us
all.

People: The Lord of our lives is Jesus.

Leader: There is one baptism, one Creator of all.

People: The creator who calls us is God.

Leader: We are one body, one family, one church,
woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.

**People: With Christ's children throughout all of this
earth, we are one body in unity and love.**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139:13-4, 10-12 (NRSV)

¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully
made; your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the
earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your
book before one of them came to be.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!

The Word of God for the People of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

TIME SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20am

TIME WITH CHILDREN—9:40am

HYMN

Blessed Quietness

FWS #2142 refrain only

Blessed quietness, holy quietness,
what assurance in my soul.
On the stormy sea, Jesus speaks to me,
And the billows cease to roll.

Words Manie P. Ferguson
Music: W.S. Marshall
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CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM—9:40am



Samuel John Gillihan

Son of David & Elizabeth Gillihan

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. Amen.

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

By Nancy C. Townley

Holy God, we confess we have had a mind of our own, and shaped our lives as we have chosen, not as you have hoped for us. In stillness we repent.

[silence]

Lay your strong and gentle hands upon us, and reshape us according to your delight. Forgive our sin, heal our wounds, and shape us by your grace, as vessels of your light. As we come to the throne of 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 OF FORGIVENESS

written by Rev. Mary Nelson Abbott

Hear the good news!

God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided, but gathered together to build up the kingdom of God on this earth.

Thanks be to God!

*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

Philemon vs 4-7 (NRSV)

⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks Be to God.

MESSAGE

Partnership of Faith

Rev. David W. Brown

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

written by Joanna Harader

Gather at the Table of the Lord

to break bread,
to drink the cup,
to trust love,
and tell the world we choose to follow Christ. **Amen.**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Adapted from Unfolding Light

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

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 we are wondrously made.
You know us inside and out, and are with us always.
Even in the farthest places you are with us; even in
the darkest times you are light. You set us free from
all that enslaves us, and ask us to set one another
free. And so we come singing 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, who loved even at the cost of his
life, and asks us to do the same.

**Under an oppressive power Jesus was crucified,
but by your infinite grace he was raised from the
dead.**

On the night in which he gave himself for us Jesus
took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his
disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."
In the same way, after the supper he took the cup,
blessed it with thanks and gave it to them, saying,
"Drink of this, all of you. This is my blood, poured out
for you and for many, in a new Covenant, which is the
forgiveness of sin."

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, with courage and
compassion no matter the cost,
for the sake of the healing of the world.**

SHARING AT THE TABLE

*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

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone
UMH #424

Must Jesus bear the cross alone,
and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for everyone,
and there's a cross for me.

How happy are the saints above,
who once went sorrowing here!
But now they taste unmingled love,
and joy without a tear.

The consecrated cross I'll bear
till death shall set me free;
and then go home my crown to wear,
for there's a crown for me.

Text: Thomas Shepherd (1855)
Music: George N. Allen (1844)

BENEDICTION

By Nancy C. Townley

The Bread of Life has called and fed you.
Now go forth into God's world to nourish others,
bring God's love, hope and peace.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
AMEN.

**Rise as you are able in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Carol Ney

Special Music at 8:20 – Grace Wynn

Liturgist at 9:40 – Hanlin Bavelly

Greeters at 9:40 – Brenda Walker and Leslie and Mark Pennell

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Fred and
Lois Owlett and their son, Timothy Michael Owlett, given by
their children – the Eve, Owlett and Averwater families.*

*Congratulations to Monica Foxx & Aaron Willshaw who were
married yesterday at Armstrong Chapel*

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

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



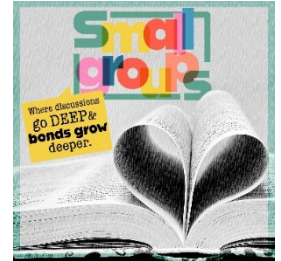
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WOMEN'S STUDIES

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- **Mondays at 9:30am** in the Armstrong Room. New 8-week study begins 9/8. *Lyrics of Life* by Lisa Harper. Learning from the book of Psalms, we will be looking at the variety of circumstances faced by followers of God. Find comfort in any situation based on this songbook of the people of God. Led by Serena Tsuang.
- **Mondays at 6:00pm** in the Armstrong Room (formerly 6:30pm at Panera). New 14-week study begins 9/8. *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus: How the Jewishness of Jesus Can Transform Your Faith* by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg. This study will help us go deeper into our understanding of Jesus and His teachings. It will help us recognize how Jesus' Jewishness influences the depth of what He says to us in Scripture that will help us better comprehend what He meant and deepen and strengthen our Christian faith. Contact Victoria Rhodus to order your book.
- **Tuesdays at 9:45am** at the home of Julie Holland. New study begins 9/16. We will start with a study of the gospels that includes finding the harmony in them, understanding more about the world of Jesus, including important facts about the Roman and Jewish world at that time, and finally a study of the resurrection.
- **Thursdays at 6:45am** in the Armstrong Room. Reading William Barclay's study of Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. Led by Jan Bell.



MEN'S STUDIES

ArmstrongChapel.org/men

- **Friday Morning Bible Study:** Verse-by-verse study of scripture led by Pastor David Brown. Fridays at 7:00am in the Armstrong Room and via Zoom.
- **Burgers, Brews & the Bible:** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00pm at 50 West Burger Bar. Studying 2nd Corinthians. Led by Gordon Miller. Arrive at 6:30 if you plan to eat.
- **715BC:** Breakfast Wednesdays at 7:15am at the National Exemplar in Mariemont. Studying the book of Daniel. Led by Bill Woodward.
- **Armstrong Men "Nooners":** Wednesdays (9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 12/3, 12/17) at noon for lunch at Ferrari's in Madeira. Discussion on the life application questions from the Upper Room devotional. Led by Bryan Holland.



Armstrong Chapel Handbell Choir is looking for new members. Our rehearsals are each Thursday from 6:30-7:25pm beginning 9/11. If you have played an instrument in the past it would be helpful to you. We have 5 octaves of handbells, so we welcome more people who are willing to play, especially those who would like the challenge of the larger bells. Contact Chester Imhausen at cimhausen@gmail.com or 513-633-6411.

The **Celebration Ringers workshop** is designed for those people wanting to learn the ringing techniques and/or wish to learn more about reading music as they ring. This is a very easy experience with lots of basics in following music and encouragement as you learn to play in a group setting. We will have a three-week workshop from 11:10-12 noon on Sept 7, 14, and 21 at in the Handbell Room on the 2nd floor of the Education Wing.



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 will present age-appropriate Bibles to our **3 year olds and 3rd graders** during the 9:40am & 10:30am worship service.



**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.

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Experience **Spring Grove Cemetery's** art, history, architecture, and horticulture in person on a 90-minute walking tour given by church member, Scott Darrah.

Sunday, September 28 2:30pm Tour

We will have a light lunch following worship before traveling to Spring Grove.

RSVP to Joy in the church office:
jhelton@armstrongchapel.org.



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 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.



The Choir invites anyone interesting singing in the **Messiah** (Part 1) to gather for Thursday night rehearsals beginning October 9 at 8:15pm in the Choir Room on the 2nd floor. The concert will be December 21 at 7pm in the Sanctuary.



Dear White Friend with author Dr. Mel Gravelly

Rev. David Meredith invites you to this opportunity to learn about deepening relationships across cultural divisions in our city, state, and country.

September 9 from 6:30-8:30pm at St Paul Community UMC, hosted by the City of Madeira Inclusion Committee

Dr. Melvin Gravelly eloquently accomplishes what many have undoubtedly wished to do: talk openly to someone we know about race in the United States today. Gravelly uses significant experience as a business and civic leader to express a rare balance in this timely message. His book and this presentation present an invitation to understand three questions at the heart of the issue: What is really going on with race in our country? Why must we care? And what can we do about it together? In the end, Gravelly calls on us to ask ourselves, "What is my role in all of this?"



Freeway Brass is an up-and-coming brass quintet located in Cincinnati, OH. The members met and formed the group while attending University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. The quintet strives to bring a high level of performance and teaching to local communities in Ohio and Kentucky. Members of the quintet teach in over 10 school districts all across Cincinnati and Dayton as well as perform with groups such as the Springboro Wind Symphony, River's Edge Brass Band, and the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra.

**Sunday, September 21 during 9:40am worship
and a Recital at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary**



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