

# Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—September 14, 2025

"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them,  
does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

from *Ministry Matters* by Nancy C. Townley

**Leader:** Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear  
your words of compassion.

**People:** **Lord, help us to truly listen to you.**

**Leader:** Lord, open our spirits this morning to  
strengthen our faith.

**People:** **Lord, help us to work for you.**

**Leader:** Lord, make us ready to serve.

**People:** **Lord, make us ready to witness to your  
healing love!**

### \*HYMN

*To God Be the Glory*  
#98 UMH

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

Great things he hath taught us,  
great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

Text: Fanny J. Crosby (1875)

Music: William H. Doane (1875)

### \*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

1 Timothy 1:15-17 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full  
acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save  
sinners—of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup> But for that very  
reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of  
sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense  
patience as an example for those who would believe  
in him and receive eternal life. <sup>17</sup> Now to the King  
eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor  
and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

### SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

### PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN—9:40AM

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## HYMN

*Make Me a Servant*  
#2176 FWS

Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
    make me a servant,  
    make me a servant,  
    make me a servant today.

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## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*Adapted from Ministry Matters*

Giver of all good gifts, we offer these symbols of our daily living to the glory of your name: gifts of our hands, our hearts, our hope! Use them. Use us as true disciples of Christ, Christians who are known by our love.

Holy God, with gratitude we stand before you, leaning into the hope and refuge you provide. Thank you for your steadfast love which never fails. Help us breathe in, confident that you continue to call us into relationship with you.

We remember the hurting and broken...  
(Silent Prayers)

So let us hear anew that there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. In the name of Christ, 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.**

## \*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

Luke 15:1-7 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

<sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent..."

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**Thanks Be to God.**

## MESSAGE

*Found by the Shepherd*  
Rev. David W. Brown



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## \*HYMN

*Cry of My Heart*  
#2165 FWS

Chorus:  
*It is the cry of my heart  
To follow You  
It is the cry of my heart  
To be close to You  
It is the cry of my heart  
To follow  
All of the days of my life*

Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord  
So I can walk in Your truth  
Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord  
And make me wholly devoted to You...(Chorus)

Open my eyes so I can see  
The wonderful things that You do  
Open my heart up more and more  
And make it wholly devoted to You...(Chorus)

Text & Music: Terry Butler  
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## BENEDICTION

By Nancy Townley

Feel the power of Christ's healing love restoring you.  
Go in peace, offering help and hope to others. And  
may the peace of God always be with you. AMEN.

## \*POSTLUDE

*\*Stand in body or in spirit*

*Liturgist at 8:20 – Mark Paluta*

*Liturgist at 9:40 – Beth Eberle*



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

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ATTENDANCE



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Rev. David Brown, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Elizabeth Brown, Congregational Care Pastor

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**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**



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](mailto:jhelton@armstrongchapel.org).

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**Saturday**  
**BREAKFAST**  
in the Armstrong Room

**SEPTEMBER**  
**20**

**8:00 am - 9:30 am**

# DISCIPLE

**Wednesdays at 7:00pm**  
**in the Armstrong Room**

**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. Register at [bit.ly/4o9IA37](https://bit.ly/4o9IA37).



**Armstrong Chapel Handbell Choir** is looking for new members. Our rehearsals are each Thursday from 6:30-7:25pm. 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](mailto:cimhausen@gmail.com) or 513-633-6411.



The Choir invites anyone interested in singing in the **Messiah** (Part 1) to gather for **Thursday night rehearsals beginning October 9 at 7:30pm** in the Choir Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The concert will be December 21 at 7pm in the Sanctuary.