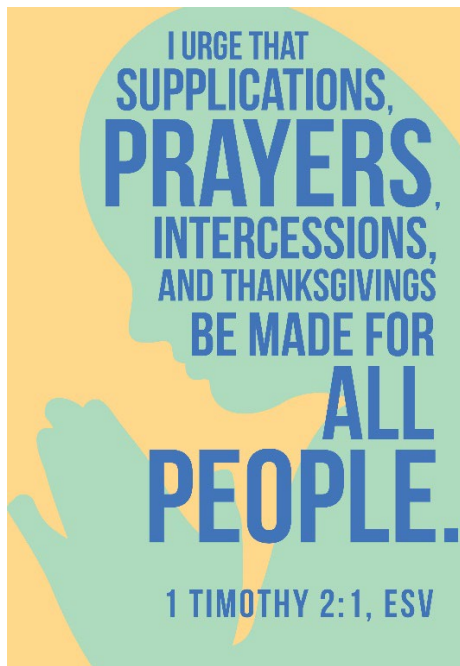


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PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from *Call to Worship Journal*

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

People: We come to worship the Savior.

Leader: Though the strong wind of judgment blows, all is not ended.

People: Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them.

Leader: We boldly come to make an offering of worship to the God of mercy.

**People: God seeks and saves the lost.
Let us rejoice in the grace of our Lord!**

*HYMN

There Is a Balm in Gilead
#375 UMH

Refrain:
*There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Some times I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. (Refrain)

Don't ever feel discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend,
and if you look for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)

If you can't preach like Peter,
if you can't pray like Paul,
just tell the love of Jesus,
and say he died for all. (Refrain).

Text: Afro-American spiritual

Music: Afro-American spiritual

Arranger: William Farley Smith (1986)

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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

Psalms 4 (ESV)

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have given me relief when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

² O leaders, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? ³ But know that the Lord has set apart the godly; the Lord hears when I call to him.

⁴ If you are agitated, do not sin;
ponder in your own hearts on your beds,
and be silent.

⁵ Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.

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⁶ There are many who say,
 “Who will show us some good?
 Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!”

⁷ You have put more joy in my heart
 than they have when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
#349 UMH

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full at His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

Words & Music Helen H. Lemmel (1922)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from *Call to Worship Journal*

Trusting in the power of God to deliver us,
let us make our prayers of intercession for all:

We pray for the church...
Make us good shepherds for your sheep and good
stewards of your gifts, so that the lost may be found
in you.

God our Savior, hear our prayer.

We pray for the world...
Look with mercy upon ruined lands, fields of
desolation, cities of rubble. Restore the glory of your
good creation.

God our Savior, hear our prayer.

We pray for this community...
Strengthen us to serve you in this place, sharing the
good news of your saving love with our friends,
neighbors, and strangers.

God our Savior, hear our prayer.

We pray for loved ones...
According to your steadfast love have mercy on those
who are suffering.

Let them know joy and gladness again.

God our Savior, hear our prayer.

Merciful and mighty God, as you are one, make us one with you through Jesus Christ, whom you have sent to redeem us. 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!

HYMN

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#349 UMH

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***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

1 Timothy 2:1-7 (ESV)

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and humankind, the man

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Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle, a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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



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

**REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE**



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MESSAGE

Pondering Our Prayers
Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
#430 UMH

O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong;

In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden (1879)
Music: H. Percy Smith (1874)

BENEDICTION

by Dr. Lisa Hancock

Go now, in the blessing of God who covers you,
protects you, delivers you, and helps you that you
might reflect God's glory as you love and serve others.

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

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Shelley Bamberger

Greeters at 9:40 – Shannon and Galen Mills and Sally Scherr



FREEWAY BRASS

Josh Krovetz - Trumpet

Jarod Gallenstein - Trumpet

Anna Eberwine - French Horn

Jacob Forte - Tenor Trombone

Jakob Larson - Bass Trombone

Prelude: Alleluia, Alleluia -Byrd

Offertory: Great Is Thy Faithfulness -Forrest

Postlude: My Spirit Be Joyful -Bach

Recital at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary

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 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.

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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.



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 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 2nd floor. The concert will be December 21 at 7pm in the Sanctuary.



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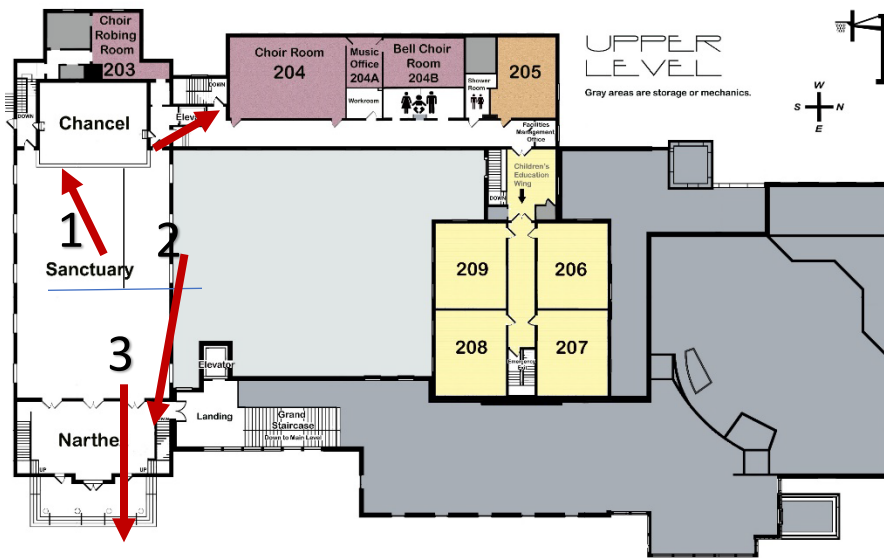


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Rev. David Brown, Lead Pastor
Rev. Elizabeth Brown, Congregational Care Pastor

Amy Voss, Director of Preschool
Shanon Rice, Director of Digital Communications

Sunday Morning Evacuation Plan



Sanctuary Evacuation

In the event of an emergency requiring evacuation of the building during a worship service, please follow the guidelines indicated.

Follow the instructions given from the pulpit by the presiding pastor and any ushers or first responders assisting in the evacuation. Exit the Sanctuary through the door indicated and which is nearest your section of the Sanctuary.

Chancel Choir: Exit the door by the lectern and head down the stairs in the hallway. Exit and move away from the building as far as possible.

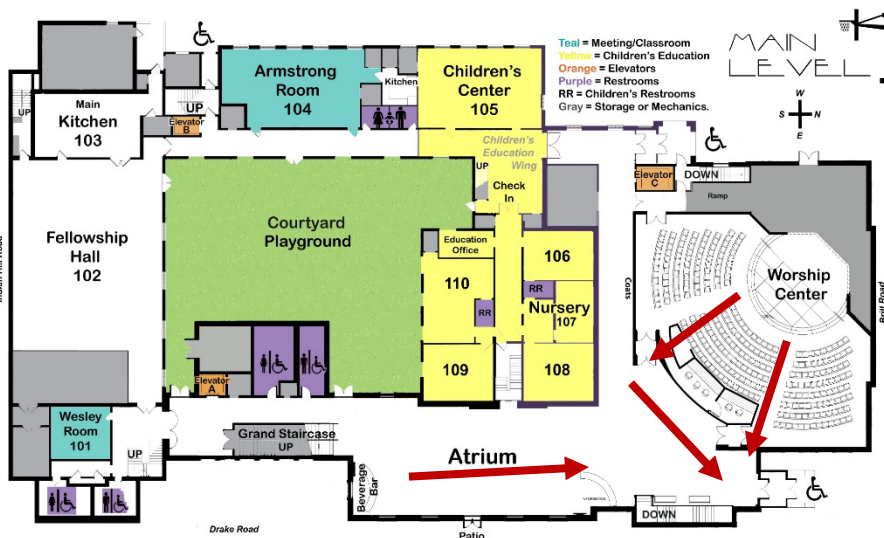
Section 1: Exit the building through the doors at the front left of the pulpit. Go out into the yard and away from the building as far as possible and into the parking lot.

Section 2 & 3: Exit the building through the main doors in the Narthex at the rear of the sanctuary. Go out into the circle driveway and towards the grassy areas towards the street as much as possible.

Balcony: Carefully come down the stairs and out the Narthex doors. Go out into the circle driveway and towards the grassy areas towards the street as much as possible.

Handicapped or Limited Mobility: DO NOT use the elevators. Seek assistance, as needed, from an usher, staff member, fire personnel or other parishioner. Exit the building using the Narthex doors and go towards the grassy areas towards the street as much as possible.

Parents: DO NOT pick up your children from their Sunday School classroom. All children will be safely removed from the building by their teacher. You may meet your children once safely outside the building in the parking lot by the basketball hoop in the second row of parking. (Indicated on the diagram by a basketball hoop icon).



Worship Center & Atrium Evacuation

In the event of an emergency requiring evacuation of the building during a worship service, please follow the guidelines indicated.

Follow the instructions given from by the presiding pastor and any ushers or first responders assisting in the evacuation.

Worship Center: All those in the Worship Center should exit the nearest door and then proceed out the Atrium entrance to the parking lot. Once in the parking lot, move away from the building as far as you are able. **DO NOT** exit toward the Children's door – children and teachers will be using that exit.

Atrium: All those gathered in the Atrium should proceed out the Atrium entrance to the parking lot. Once in the parking lot, move away from the building as far as you are able.

Handicapped or Limited Mobility: Exit through the Atrium entrance as indicated and seek assistance from a staff member, usher, first responder or fellow worshipper as you are able.

Parents: DO NOT pick up your children from their Sunday School Classroom. All children will be safely removed from the building by their teacher. You may meet your children once safely outside the building in the parking lot by the basketball hoop in the second row of parking. (Indicated on the diagram by a basketball hoop icon).