

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—September 28, 2025



PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from *Call to Worship Journal*

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord:

People: **My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.**

Leader: The Lord executes justice for the oppressed, opens the eyes of the blind, gives food to the hungry, sets the prisoners free, and upholds the orphan and the widow.

People: **My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.**

Leader: Come, people of God, let us pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.

People: **My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.**

*HYMN

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets
#108 UMH

God hath spoken by the prophets,
spoken the unchanging Word,
each from age to age proclaiming,
God the One, the righteous Lord!
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil,
one firm anchor holdeth fast:
God eternal reigns forever,
God the first, and God the last.

God hath spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son;
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God of God, ere time was born;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
Christ, as God in human form.

God yet speaketh by the Spirit,
speaketh to our hearts again;
in the age-long Word expounding
God's own message, now as then.
Thru the rise and fall of nations,
one sure faith yet standing fast,
God abides, the Word unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.
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Text: George W. Briggs (1952, alt.)

Music: Thomas J. Williams (1890)

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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

Psalm 48:9-10 (The Message)

⁹ We pondered your love-in-action, God,
waiting in your temple:
Your name, God, evokes a train
of Hallelujahs wherever
It is spoken, near and far;
your arms are heaped with goodness-in-action.

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

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SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN—9:40AM

HYMN

On Eagle's Wings
#143 UMH

And God will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Words & Music Michael Joncas (1979)
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CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Michael Paul Fry

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from *Jason Elder*

God of justice and mercy, your Word is our life. By your Spirit, open our eyes to the suffering we would rather ignore, and our hearts to the hope you promise. Teach us to hear your voice, repent where we have strayed, and walk in the way of Christ with joy.

God of compassion, we confess that we often fail to see the people at our gates. We turn away from suffering, convincing ourselves that it does not concern us. We grow comfortable in our routines and blind to the cries of those in need. Our hearts become dull to your call for justice and mercy. Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to see our neighbors with your compassion. Break our indifference and teach us to walk in the way of Christ, who became poor so that we might share in the riches of your grace.

Faithful God, you are our refuge and strength, the one who rescues the poor and sustains the weary. Free us from false trust in riches and power. Fix our hope on you alone. Teach us generosity, mercy, and steadfast love, that our lives may reflect your kingdom.

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

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (ESV)

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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Thanks Be to God.

MESSAGE

Hope in God
Rev. David W. Brown

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*HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be
#399 UMH

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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

BENEDICTION

by Jason Elder

Go forth as people who trust in the living God.
Live with generosity, love mercy, and bear witness to
God's kingdom. And may the blessing of God—Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit—be with you now and always.
Amen.

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Scott Darrah

Liturgist at 9:40 – Barbara Bell

Greeters at 9:40 – Barry Dixon and Victoria and Mark Rhodus
Armstrong Bell Choir at 9:40 – directed by Chester Imhausen

Prelude

A Joyful Alleluia

-Dobrinski

Offertory

Aria

-Dobrinski



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

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ATTENDANCE



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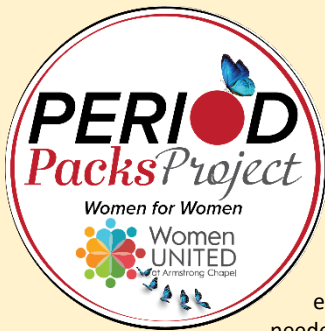
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6th Annual Period Packs Project

Women and girls of limited means often lack the funds for sanitary products. Still, they want to experience a period that is comfortable and free of embarrassment. When they lack the needed products, they frequently miss

school or work. Last year, Armstrong Chapel served 200 women and girls.

To donate products (see the online sign-up for the complete list and volunteer opportunities on Fri 10/31 and Sat 11/1), please go to <https://bit.ly/4pJqh5V> and let us know what items you'll bring in. We are requesting these specific products (and more listed online) to better accommodate the needs of our mission partners:

- Regular Size Sanitary Pads – 22 or 28 count
- Regular Size Tampons – 16 or 18 count
- Flushable Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer – 2oz

If you can't find these items – or don't have time to shop for them – then we welcome your cash donation. Each PACK costs ~\$30. armstrongchapel.org/giving

Drop off products at the church office **through October 19 between 9am to 2pm on M/T/Th**, or in the **designated bins in the Atrium** on Sundays. (FYI: Incontinence products are NOT included in this effort.)

We will gift ALL Packs to our mission partners: John P. Parker School, Heritage Hill Elementary School, and Madisonville Education Assistance Center (MEAC).

To assist with collections or to ask a question, contact Shelley Bamberger shelleypresents@gmail.com or Jan Rogers jan@timetimer.com.

Fall **FELLOWSHIP**
TAILGATE
FUN FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH!
Party

OCTOBER 26 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
in the Atrium & Worship Center

Tailgate for Jesus!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM COLORS!

FOOD **GAMES** **FUN**

Volunteers & Food Needed: <http://bit.ly/4nL8cCD>

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SUNDAY | 4:00 PM
OCTOBER 19