

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—October 5, 2025



Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. On World Communion Sunday, United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Call to Worship Journal

Leader: Through desolation and weeping,
through bitterness and fear,
through anguish and suffering,
through destruction and violence,
this we will remember:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

People: **God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is God's faithfulness.**

Leader: So, we will not despair, we will keep hope alive.

People: **The Lord is my portion, says my soul,
therefore, I will hope in God.**

Leader: Trust in the Lord, and do good;
take delight in the Lord.

People: **Commit your way to the Lord;
trust God, who will act.**

*HYMN

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord
#352 UMH

Refrain:

*It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.*

*It's me, it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.*

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

Words & Music: Afro-American spiritual
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostle's Creed
#881 UMH

**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.**

*universal

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SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 1:6-14 (NIV)

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

¹³ What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of God for the People of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

SINGING OF FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN – 9:40AM

HYMN

Make Us One
FWS #2224

Make Us one, Lord, make us one;
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow

So the world will know we are one in you.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from *Call to Worship Journal*

Our faith may seem small, but God's power is great. Our sins may loom large, but God's promise of forgiveness is sure. Trusting that God is able to do for us what we could never do for ourselves, let us make our confession:

God of grace, we confess that the seed of faith within us is small. Hope is often absent. Love is frequently inconvenient. Our sin keeps us from responding to you. Tend to us in mercy, so that we may grow in the ways of faith, hope, and love, after the example of Jesus Christ.

Hear the silent confessions of our hearts...

(Silent Prayers)

Hear us as we pray:

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 THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Share the good news with one another:

The peace of Christ be with you.

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.

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:7-10 (NIV)

7 “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? ⁸ Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks Be to God.

MESSAGE

The Work of the Gospel

Rev. David W. Brown

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. —Romans 12:1

On this World Communion Sunday, we recognize the table extends globally, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. From Cincinnati to Nigeria, from Gaza to Asheville, from Northern Kentucky to Moscow!

All are welcome! Whether we share traditional bread, unleavened bread or naan, whether the cup is filled with wine, juice or milk and honey, these gifts are for the people of God, gathered in this sanctuary and online. Symbols like these are for the people of God gathered in house churches, in magnificent cathedrals, in simple sanctuaries and in thousands of homes connected by the internet.

May this feast help energize all followers of Jesus Christ to live the faith. May God’s Spirit inspire us, each, and all, to search for ways we can manifest God’s love made visible here and to the ends of the earth.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Adapted from Call to Worship Journal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

We find hope in your great faithfulness, for your steadfast love never ceases and your mercies never come to an end.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:

Jesus teaches us the power of faith and calls us to a life of faithfulness, all for the glory of your holy name.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon the gift of bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

By your Spirit at work within us, keep us faithful to the gospel, proclaiming the message of your grace to all.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever. Amen.

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SHARING OF GIFTS

The elements are gluten free. Come by the center aisle, receive a piece of the bread and dip it into the cup and immediately receive. There are sealed elements available by the grand piano if this allows you to participate in the meal. Come, for all are invited to share at the Table of the Lord. You need not be a member of Armstrong Chapel or the United Methodist Church.

*HYMN

Standing on the Promises #374 UMH

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

*Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.*

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Text & Music: R. Kelso Carter (1886)

BENEDICTION

Adapted from 2 Timothy 4:2,5

Proclaim the message, be persistent in prayer,
do the work of the gospel, and carry out the ministry
of Jesus Christ our Lord. In the name of the Creator,
Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

*Stand in body or in spirit

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Jane Florer

*Greeters at 9:40 – Dottie Wakefield and Wease and Joe
Rhodenbaugh*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are in celebration of Kent and
Maureen Smith's 35th wedding anniversary.*



*A special welcome gathering in the Atrium
following the 9:40 service for Brandon!*

**REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE**



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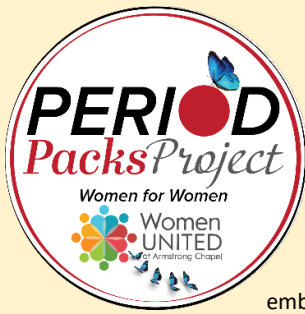
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Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—October 6, 2024



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 Party
FUN FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH!
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>



RECITAL

ON THE RANDALL DYER & ASSOCIATES
PIPE ORGAN

Delight in the timeless Baroque counterpoint of the legendary J.S. Bach, and be entranced by the lyrical expressiveness of the 20th-century French composer, Joseph Bonnet.

SUNDAY | 4:00 PM
OCTOBER 19

**PACKING SHOEBOXES
HELPS CHILDREN
IN THE REMOTE
CORNERS OF THE
WORLD HEAR THE
GOOD NEWS OF
THE GOSPEL.**



Each shoebox helps a local church around the world tell a child about Jesus, God's Greatest Gift. In sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we are also sharing God's Word with dozens of unreached people groups and going to hard-to reach places to make His Name known.

Pre-printed boxes and brochures are available in the Atrium. Visit SamaritansPurse.org for more information. **BOXES ARE DUE 11/16.**

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