

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from the widow's plea for justice in Jesus' parable Luke 18

Leader: Let us cry out for justice,

that creation may flourish free from harm.

People: Let us cry out for justice,

that vulnerable nations may live in peace.

Leader: Let us cry out for justice,

that all may be fed, housed, and healed.

People: You invite us, dear Christ,

to cry out for peace and justice.

Leader: Walk with us, Christ Jesus, until we arrive at

your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven...

People: Hear our cries O Lord!

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision #451 UMH

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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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 19: 1, 7-10, 14 (NRSVUE)

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims Divine handiwork...

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
 the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
 ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right,

rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear,

enlightening the eyes;

9 the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb...

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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

Cares Chorus FWS #2215

I cast all my cares upon you.
I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet.
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN

Adapted from Plough Publishing House

O Lord God, grant us your Spirit, that we may comprehend your ways. As we pray, help us to recognize what must come from you alone, for you are mighty and holy and your will is peace on earth. Your will is peace beyond all understanding, your peace that opposes all sin and death and takes away every evil that can be named.

We await you, O Lord our God, and you will hear us. No matter how long the struggle lasts, we hold out in patience, for we are your children. We shall never lose the faith that your name shall be honored and that all things shall come into harmony with your will of peace on earth, your peace.

In the silence of our hearts to cry to you. (Silence)

We pray together as Jesus taught us:

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 18:1-8 (ESV)

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' 4 For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' "6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8 I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

MESSAGE

Justice for Widows
Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

Thy Word Is a Lamp #601 UMH

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,
Think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me,
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.

Now I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide
And hold me to your side,
And I will love you to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.

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BENEDICTION

Adapted from The Resource UMC

Make us a people who do not lose heart.

Shape our prayers into action
and our generosity into grace.

In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer and

Sustainer, Amen.

*POSTLUDE

*Stand in body or in spirit

Liturgist at 8:20 – Scott Darrah Liturgist at 9:40 – Shelley Bamberger Greeters at 9:40 – Sally Scheer and Galen Mills

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in celebration of Shelley Bamberger's birthday by her grandson, Tom Lake.



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





OPEN MEET & GREETS WITH BRANDON

- Thursday, October 30 @ 7:00pm at the home of Jim & Carol Pearce in Madeira/Indian Hill RSVP to Carol at quizp@aol.com, 513-271-9223 (call)
- Thursday, November 6 @ 7:00pm at the home of Chip & Robin Nielsen in Indian Hill RSVP to Robin at ihbookmom@aol.com, 513-403-3669 (call or text)
- Sunday, November 9 @ 11:00am in the Armstrong Room
- Sunday, November 9 @ 3:00pm in the Atrium along with a Hands-On Outreach Project of packing hygiene kits
- Wednesday, November 12 @ 7:00pm at the home of Carol Ney in Mariemont RSVP to Carol at CJNey@aol.com
- Sunday, December 7 @ 11:30am in the Armstrong Room hosted by David Rhodenbaugh
- Thursday, December 11 @7:00pm at the home of Scott & Amy Darrah in Montgomery RSVP to Amy at atdsmd3@aol.com, 513-470-7515 (call or text)

There are still open dates for you to host a Meet & Greet with Brandon in your home – visit http://bit.ly/3VX7pCE or connect with Joy in the office. You may choose to invite your church friends, small group members, other families who live in your area, or have your home open to anyone who would like to come.



Annual Yardwork Outreach in Madisonville

Saturday morning, November 8 about 9am-1pm

No experience needed – mostly raking/bagging leaves and cleaning gutters — this event is open to all ages and skillsets! It's a great opportunity to help our neighbors and work together with the Madisonville Braves!

People Working Cooperatively's Prepare Affair brings together more than 2,000 volunteers to help low-income, elderly, and disabled homeowners prepare their homes for winter throughout the fall season.



Contact Andy Mauk at amauk403@gmail.com to sign up.

ARMSTRONG CHAPEL VETERANS

It's been many years since we created/updated a list of Veterans who worship at Armstrong Chapel. With Veterans Day fast approaching, we'd love to honor those who have served our country. If you haven't already filled out the online form, write a note on the back of your attendance card to let us know if you're a Veteran. Please include your branch and note anything else you'd like such as: Vietnam, WWII, Korea, etc.; years served; honors received; etc.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY WITH ARMSTRONG CONNECTIONS

We have a prayer list of those serving in the military with Armstrong connections. If you have a child, grandchild, nephew, etc. that you would like to have placed on the prayer please write a note on the back of your attendance card.

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,

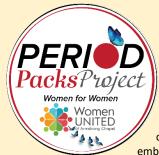


we are also sharing God's Word with dozens of unreached people groups and going to hard-to reach places to make His Name known.

Pre-printed boxes and brochures are available in the Atrium. Visit

SamaritansPurse.org for more information.

BOXES ARE DUE 11/16.



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.



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



Amy Voss, Director of Preschool Rev. David Brown, Lead Pastor Rev. Brandon Long, Director of Discipleship Shanon Rice, Director of Digital Communications