

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—January 18, 2026



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Lectionary Liturgies

LEADER: We will sing new songs of the One who calls us here.

PEOPLE: **We will not chase after other gods.**

LEADER: We will sing new songs of the One in whom we can trust.

PEOPLE: **We will not trust in anyone or anything but God alone.**

LEADER: We will sing new songs of the One whose salvation is for all.

PEOPLE: **In Christ alone we put our hope and trust!**

*HYMN

Christ for the World We Sing

UM Hymnal #568

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost,
from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with joyful song;
the newborn souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1869)

Music: Felice de Giardini (1769)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed #880

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic
church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*universal

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SCRIPTURE

Psalms 40:1-5 (NRSVUE)

- ¹ I waited patiently for the Lord;
God inclined to me and heard my cry.
² God drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
³ God put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear
and put their trust in the Lord.
- ⁴ Happy are those who make
the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.
⁵ You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

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

TIME SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20am

TIME WITH CHILDREN—9:40am

HYMN

Through It All
#507 UMH

Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God;
Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon God's word.

Words & Music: André Crouch (1971)
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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God of infinite patience, there is none like you. You promise to listen to us, always. You speak more words of hope and grace and offer more acts of mercy and hope than we can count.

There is none like you, Shaper of servants, gathering up all the words we should never have spoken, you rearrange them into stories of peace and reconciliation. Sweeping up the messes we leave littered behind us, you recycle them into gifts which soften the hardest hearts.

There is none like you, Ever-listening Spirit. You gather up all scattered throughout the earth, bringing us to the Table of life. You point the way to Jesus when we have lost sight of him on the fog-filled days of our souls.

There is none like you, God in Community, Holy in One, and our hearts will sing new songs even as we pray, saying, through faith in Christ the Lord:

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

Isaiah 49:5-6 (NIV)

- ⁵ And now the Lord says—he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord and my God has been my strength—
⁶ he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

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MESSAGE

Divine Calling
Rev. David W. Brown

Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
[Chorus]

Text & Music: Dan Schutte (1981)
Adapter: Carlton R. Young (1988)
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*HYMN

Here I am, Lord
#593 UMH

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send?
[Chorus]

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.

BENEDICTION

Mark 1:17, John 1:43

As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day: Follow me.

In God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
Amen!

POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Mark Paluta

Liturgist at 9:40 – Victoria Rhodus

Greeters at 9:40 – Sally Scheer, Shanon and Galen Mills



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

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ATTENDANCE**



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ROOT KIDS IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

Vacation Bible School
Registration Opens
January 26

Show kids what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their safe place in life's storms.

INSPIRATIONAL TALK AND LUNCHEON
How to See God's Work in Your Past, Experience His Presence, and Trust Him with Your Future



Women UNITED
at Armstrong Chapel



Featuring
LAURIE POLICH SHORT

CALLING ALL WOMEN
Invite family and friends
All ages welcome!

JANUARY 24
in the Worship Center
Followed by lunch in the Atrium



For complete details and registration, visit armstrongchapel.org/womenunited/



A six-week Sunday morning series for student Confirmation. Participants in grades 7-12 are invited to examine key tenants of the Christian faith and provide opportunities to explore best spiritual practices. Class will be on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:30am in the Lower Level. We will begin with an orientation meeting for parents and students on Sunday, February 1. **For complete class dates and registration, visit: <https://bit.ly/4aQ3yjA>.** If you have questions, contact Pastor Brandon at blong@armstrongchapel.org.

Ash WEDNESDAY
Service

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return

February 18
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Old Chapel

