

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—February 8, 2026



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Micah 6

LEADER: We gather today as a community of faith,
called to be the light of the world.

PEOPLE: **We come to share in the light of Christ,
shining brightly in our lives.**

LEADER: The prophet Micah reminds us of what the
Lord requires: to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with our God.

PEOPLE: **We seek to embody these values in our
worship and in our lives.**

LEADER: Together, we will be a beacon of hope and
love in our community.

PEOPLE: **Let us worship God with joy and
thanksgiving!**

*HYMN

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know
#163 UMH

Ask ye what great thing I know,
that delights and stirs me so?
What the high reward I win?
Whose the name I glory in?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

Who defeats my fiercest foes?
Who consoles my saddest woes?
Who revives my fainting heart,
healing all its hidden smart?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

Who is life in life to me?
Who the death of death will be?
Who will place me on his right,
with the countless hosts of light?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

This is that great thing I know;
this delights and stirs me so:
faith in him who died to save,
him who triumphed o'er the grave:
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

Text: Johann C. Schwedler (1741)
Translator: Benjamin H. Kennedy (1863)
Music: H. A. César Malan (1827)

*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 112:1-9 (NRSVUE)

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.
- ² Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- ³ Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
- ⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.
- ⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
- ⁸ Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
- ⁹ They have distributed freely;
they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
UMH #474 vs 1

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adapted from Call to Worship Journal

O God from whom all blessings flow, help us to embrace the unique gifts your Spirit has instilled in each of us. Give us the wisdom to discern where your world could use our talents most, and grant us humility to recognize where we rely on the strength and insight of others, so that, in mutual giving and receiving, all needs may be met, according to the way of Jesus through his life and death.

As children of God, we pray for the church...

By Christ's grace, let us be what you intended—
salt of the earth and light for the world, a living sign of
your Kingdom realm.

As children of God, we pray for all nations...

Blow the trumpet and sound the alarm! Loose the
bonds of injustice in every place; break the yoke, and
let the oppressed go free.

As children of God, we pray for this community...

Help us to share bread with the hungry, to welcome
the poor, to clothe the naked and protect the
vulnerable.

As children of God, we pray for loved ones...

Be near to those who cry to you for help. Be with us
in the gloom of despair; satisfy needs and restore
souls.

As you have called us to listen to Christ, help us to
always heed his word and seek his will. These things
we pray in the name of Jesus, your beloved Child, our
Savior and Lord, 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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
UMH #474 vs 3

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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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

Matthew 5:13-16 (NRSVUE)

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.



¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Salt and Light

Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

#585 UMH

This little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)

Everywhere I go...

All through the night...

Author: Afro-American spiritual

Arrangement: William Farley Smith (1987)

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BENEDICTION

Adapted from Call to Worship Journal

Beloved children of God, receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Maker of heaven and earth forever.

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

POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Greg Bailie

Liturgist at 9:40 – Beth Eberle

Greeters at 9:40 – Charlene Pfingstag Lewis and Dottie Wakefield

Armstrong Bell Choir at 9:40 – directed by Chester Imhausen

Prelude Exuberant Exultation -Meyer

Offertory All Things Bright and Beautiful -arr Eithun





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

**REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE**



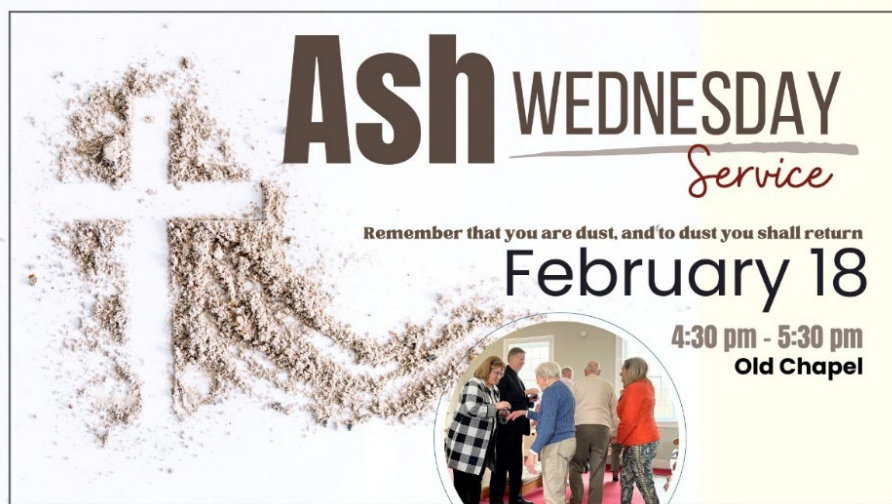
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Ash WEDNESDAY

Service

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

February 18

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Old Chapel



Women
UNITED

Monthly Luncheon

Share in a lunch
filled with laughter,
fellowship, and joy.

FEBRUARY 11

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

National Exemplar
6880 Wooster Pike

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MEN
Disciples/Bold/Brave/Fearless

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Breakfast and Fellowship?

Saturday BREAKFAST

in the Armstrong Room

FEBRUARY 21



8:00 - 9:30 am

SUPERCharge Event

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