

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—January 21, 2024



Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

Author & Composer: Martin Luther (1529)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

By Nancy C. Townley

Leader: Gather this day in silence and hope.

People: We wait for God's word for us!

Leader: Let your hearts and spirits be open.

People: God is our strength and salvation!

Leader: Wait patiently for the Lord.

**People: With willing hearts and spirits
we wait for the Lord.**

*HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
#110

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-15 (NRSV)

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵ and saying, "The
time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come
near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

Dianna Sheely

HYMN

Change My Heart, O God
#2152 Faith We Sing

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

written by Carol Penner

God of grace, thank you for this season of waiting. Thank you for the beauty of the sleeping earth waiting for spring's new life. Thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ; we have been waiting for a Saviour. We pray for all who are waiting this morning: people who are waiting for an end to violence because they have known too much war; people who are waiting for healing because they live with sickness and pain; people who are waiting for good news because they are weighed down with sorrow. We pray for all of the earth that is waiting – creatures who are waiting for protection because their environment has been destroyed; waterways that are waiting for renewal because they have been contaminated; lands that are waiting to be redeemed from pollution because we have forgotten that God called the land good. Throughout the world, in and on and under it, waiting happens, waiting grows and gathers, the earth is waiting for redemption. In eager expectation we wait for the revelation of the Son of God.

“How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of his heaven, no ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Lord enters in.” —Philip Brooks, “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hear now the silent prayers of our hearts: (Silence)

Jesus would invite us to 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**

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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

Psalm 62 (NRSV)

- ⁵ For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.
⁶ He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
⁷ On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

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

MESSAGE

Actively Waiting
Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
#361

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

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While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Author; Augustus M. Toplady (1776)
Composer: Thomas Hastings (1830)

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Gary Kilday

Choir at 9:40 – We Wait for Thy Loving Kindness

-Rutter



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

BENEDICTION

By Nancy C. Townley

As the disciples walked with Christ so long ago, walk with Christ in your hearts and spirits. Feel the power of the Holy Spirit guiding your path. Know the love of God which is poured out for you and rejoice. Go in peace and may God's peace go with you. AMEN.

**Stand as you are able*

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE



ONLINE GIVING



All-Church Skating Party!

Sunday, January 28

4:30-6:30pm

Castle Skateland in Loveland

\$10 donation per family for Admission, Pizza & Drinks
\$3 per person for skate rental

Wear your most unique winter-themed outfit!

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Please join IPM Food Pantry for a Ceremony of Blessings presented by our four founding churches.

Armstrong Chapel | Indian Hill Church
St. Timothy Episcopal Church | St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Sunday, February 4, 2024

1:00-3:00 p.m.

4623 Aicholtz Road

Cincinnati, OH 45244

Light refreshments provided

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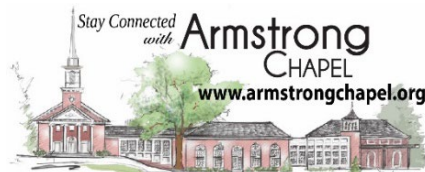
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YOUNG COUPLES' SMALL GROUP

Sundays through March 17

10:45-11:30am in the Armstrong Room

Prayer, Scripture, and Encouragement



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Dianna Sheely, Director of Children, Family, and Women's Ministries