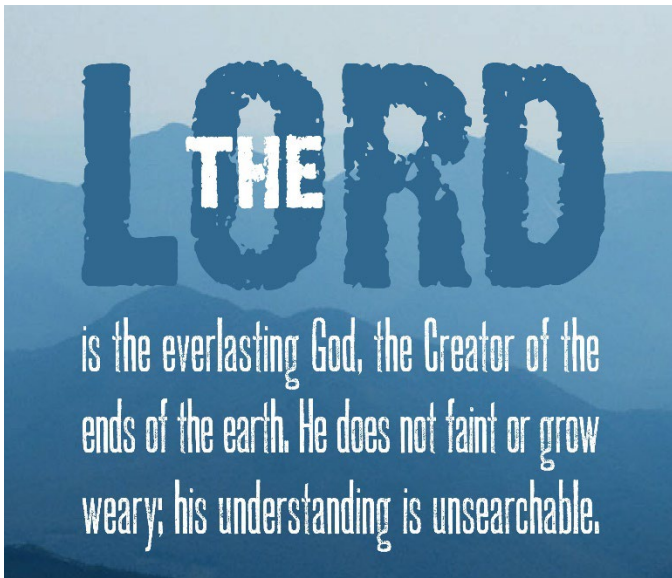


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PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on materials by Peter K. Perry

Leader: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

People: **God embraces the wounded and broken!**

Leader: God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

People: **God is the light of our lives.**

Leader: God is the one who makes all things new.

People: **Praise be to God, now and forevermore!**

*HYMN

Hymn of Promise
#707 UMH

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Author & Composer: Natalie Sleeth (1986)
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SCRIPTURE

Psalms 147: 1-11 (NRSV)

¹ Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God,
for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

² The Lord builds up Jerusalem;

God gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³ God heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴ God determines the number of the stars;
God gives to all of them their names.

⁵ Great is our Lord and abundant in power;
God's understanding is beyond measure.

⁶ The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
God casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

⁸ God covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.

⁹ God gives to the animals their food
and to the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰ God's delight is not in the strength of the horse
nor pleasure in the speed of a runner,

¹¹ but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear God,
in those who hope in God's steadfast love.

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

On Eagle's Wings
#143 UMH

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Words & Music: Michael Joncas (1979)
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

by Peter K. Perry

Loving God,
whose touch can heal the broken places of life,
touch us today...

God of peace,
whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits
of confusion and despair,
reassure us today...

Forgiving God,
whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace,
place your mercy in our souls today...

You who heal the sick and liberate the imprisoned,
who bring justice in the midst of oppression
and strength in the midst of weakness,
pour out your spirit of power upon us today.

Open our hearts to new faithfulness,
redirect our waywardness,
and hold us gently in your goodness.

We confess our need to you,
and we turn to you with hearts filled with hope,
remembering the promises you have made to us.

May your name be glorified in us and through us.
We ask it through Christ Jesus,
your only begotten Son,
who is our Lord and our Savior,
our brother and our friend.

Jesus taught 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

Isaiah 40:28-31 (NRSV)

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,
³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their
strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Marathon Marvels
Rev. David W. Brown

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in
peace with one another.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Our Lord Jesus Christ is with us.
Yes he is. Hallelujah!

The Holy Spirit is in this place!
Ignite our hearts!

Raise your hearts! Lift your voices!
Holy God, we are yours!

We are yours, all yours, blessed Triune God, all our
lives, all our thanks, all our praise, all our hesitations,
all our grumbling, all our fears, we give it all to you,
with all our bodies, minds, and voices. Yours, all
yours!

Jesus Christ who comes in God's name, you are
worthy, worthy!

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Lamb of God for all creation slain, you are worthy,
worthy! Hosanna to the King! Hosanna to the Lord!
You are worthy, O Christ! Worthy!

Worthy in your birth! Worthy in your living!
Worthy in your loving! Worthy in your serving!
Worthy when you preached good news that God's
kingdom has drawn near and gathered disciples, then
and now, to learn and show the world what life in
God's reign means:

healing for the sick,
new life for the dead,
cleansing for the lepers,
deliverance for the oppressed,
freedom for the captive,
beauty for the lilies,
care for the sparrows,
new birth, new life, new creation breaking in for all.

Worthy! Worthy! Worthy above all!

Worthy too, the night we betrayed you, when you
took the bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to
your disciples. Worthy when you told them, "This is
my body given for you. Remember me."

We remember.

Worthy when you took the cup, praised God and
shared it, and worthy when you said, "This is my
blood of the new covenant for you. Remember me."

We remember.

We remember, and we praise you with our lives and
these gifts of bread and cup, proclaiming with one
voice the mystery of faith:

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

Come upon us, Holy Spirit.
Come upon these gifts.

Make them be for us Christ's body, Christ's blood.
Make us one body in Christ enlivened by his sacrifice.

SHARING THE GIFTS

*Come by the center aisle, receive the bread and dip it into
the cup, and immediately receive. Sealed elements are
located near the grand piano. Return by the sides.*



*HYMN

God of the Ages
#698 UMH

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase;
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Author: Daniel C. Roberts (1876)
Composer: George W. Warren (1894)

BENEDICTION

By Nancy C. Townley

We are being sent into a world in need of healing.
We have been given all that we need to be God's
messengers of peace.

Go now into the world, rejoicing in God's presence
with you. Bring the news of peace and hope to all you
meet.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
AMEN.

**Stand as you are able*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Scott Darrah

Liturgist at 9:40 – Shelley Bamberger



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

**REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE**



**ONLINE
GIVING**



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IPM Food Pantry Ceremony of Blessings

This afternoon from 1:00–3:00pm stop by Inter Parish Ministry's new pantry!
4623 Aicholtz Road, Cincinnati, OH, 45244 (Eastgate area)



ASH

Wednesday

February 14
at 4:30pm in the Old Chapel

The year's season of Lent begins on February 14 – a day known as Ash Wednesday. This day is important because it marks the start of the Lenten period leading up to Easter. Ashes symbolize both death and repentance. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.



Run to win!—1 Corinthians 9:24

Spiritual growth doesn't happen by accident. Wear your favorite team jersey or team colors and vote on your favorite cereal.

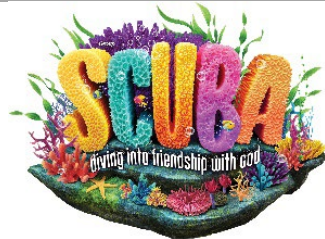
Bring in a box of cereal to donate to IPM.

rightnow MEDIA

During Lent, we encourage you to use the video series *Surprised by Hope* by N.T. Wright on RightNow Media as an additional resource to our sermon series.

Designed for use with the *Surprised by Hope Participant's Guide* available on the resource cart at the Atrium entrance.

For your **FREE** access to RightNow Media, call or email Joy in the church office (513-561-4220, jhelton@armstrongchapel.org).



vacation bible school
registration is open to dive into
a friendship with God!

July 15-18, Monday-Thursday from 9:30-12
\$65 per child (age 4 to entering grade 5)
ArmstrongChapel.org/children

Women UNITED

Monthly Luncheon

FEBRUARY 21
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

National Exemplar
6880 Wooster Pike

RSVP to Dianna Sheely

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Disciples! Bold. Brave. Fearless.

Saturday Breakfast
February 17
8:00-9:30am in the Atrium
Come pray together, laugh together,
and share! No Cost.

